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SPORTS

Wrestlers dominate two league foes at Kalkaska



There were 28 total bouts slated between Grayling and its two opponents, but only 13 of them yielded matches; fifteen potential battles for GHS were forfeited by one or both teams during last Thursday's three-team wrestling meet held at Kalkaska High School.

The Vikings won 12 of those 13 contested matches and defeated Kalkaska and Charlevoix – both of which are conference foes – by large margins.

Grayling wrestled against the Charlevoix Rayders in the first series of the night. Grayling won 60-3. Pg. 10

Second half effort leads to 65-39 win vs. Kalkaska



After a slow first half, Grayling High School's varsity boys basketball team outscored the Kalkaska Blazers 39-23 in the second half of Tuesday night's league game – a match played at Grayling Middle School – to win by 26, 65-39.

Tuesday's victory improved Grayling's overall record to 8-0. On Friday night, the team's undefeated streak came to an end with a 60-56 loss in a league game at Traverse City St. Francis. Pg. 12

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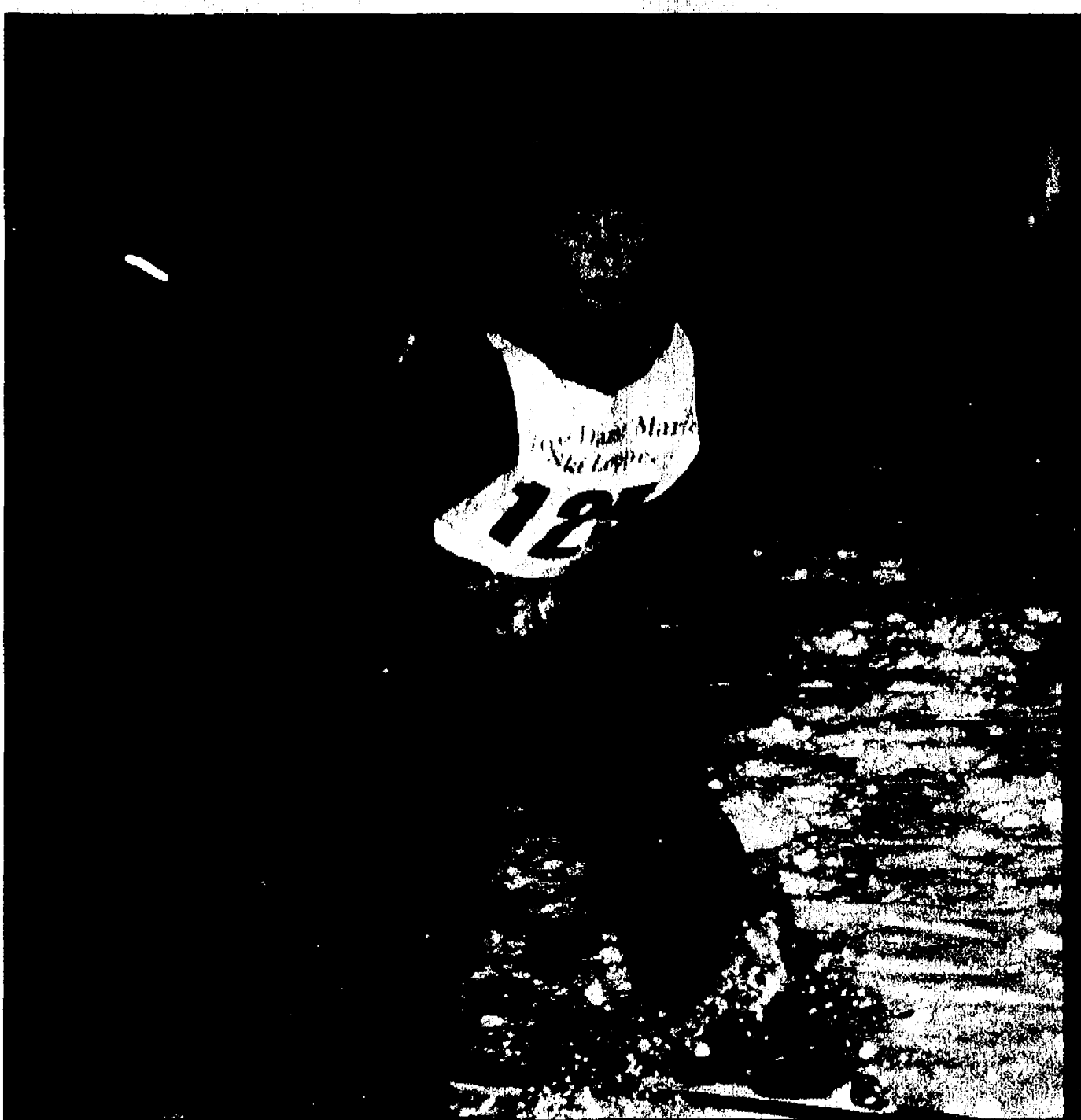
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Skiers of all ages compete in local event

The second annual Cote Dame Marie Ski Loppet – an event that featured seven cross country ski races on Saturday morning at Hanson Hills Recreation Area and one more, a kids' race, on Friday night at the Cross Country Ski Shop – drew more than 150 total competitors, including skiers as young as five and as old as 78. Above, Griffin Schwab, 5, skis in the Cote Dame Marie's 1k kids' race on Friday night. For more on the kids' race, see Page 14. For more on the Cote Dame Marie's seven races on Saturday, including the 30k and 15k men's and women's Michigan Cup events, see Page 13.

Board changes course on Sunday alcohol sales

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

After questions and criticism poured in about banning Sunday morning alcohol sales in Crawford County, officials rescinded their action to provide the option to business owners last week.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners, by a 5-to-2 vote, rescinded a motion passed unanimously by the board in December prohibiting the sale and serving of alcoholic beverage between 7 a.m. and noon on Sundays.

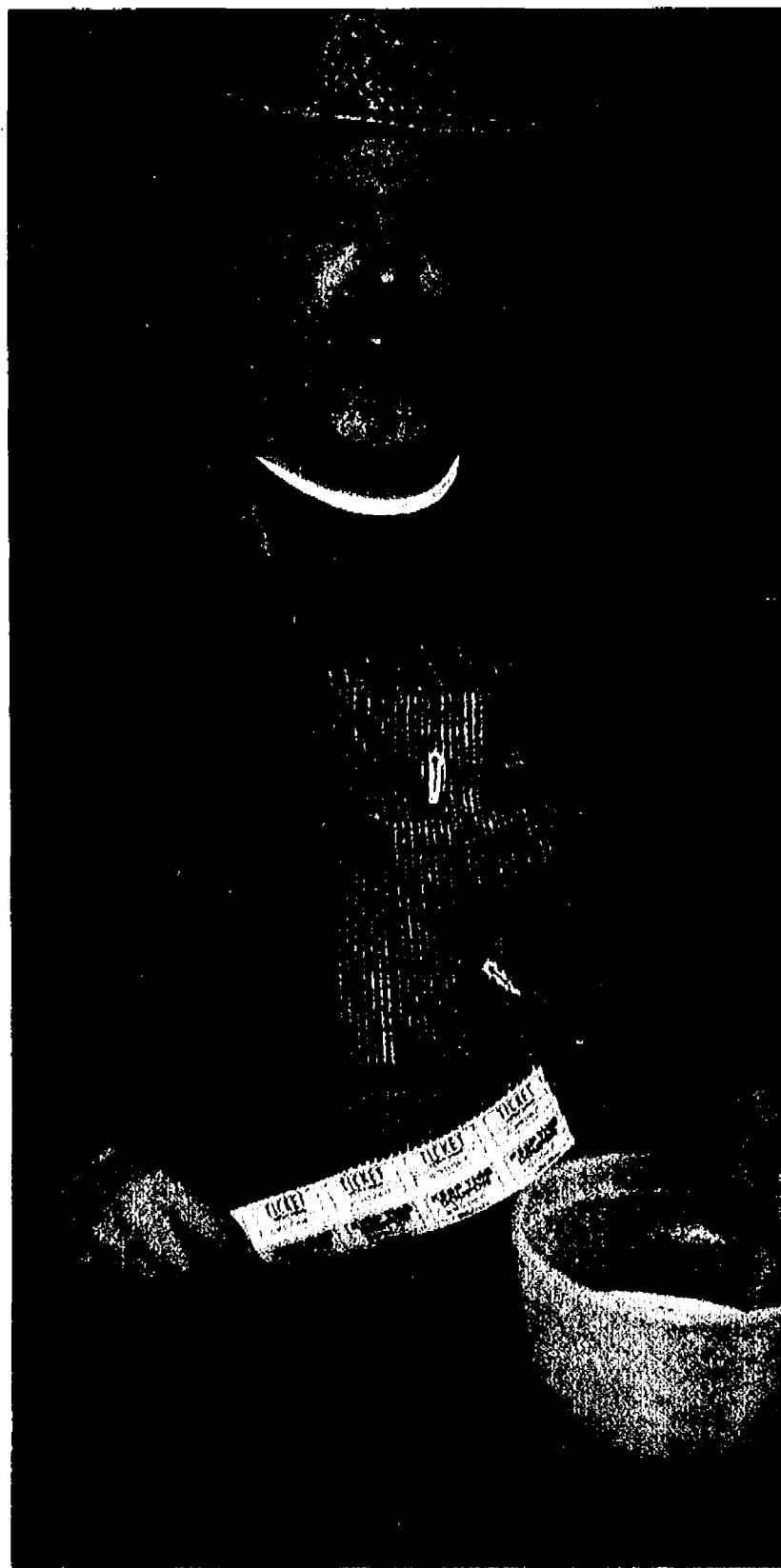
Rick Anderson, vice-chairman of the County Board, and Commissioners Scott Hanson, Linda Munsey, Shelley Pinkelman and Kathy Rogers, voted to change the county's stance on the sales. Dave Stephenson, chairman of Crawford County Board of Commissioners, and Commissioner Terry Beardslee, cast the no votes.

The sale of beer, wine and liquor in stores and serving beverages in bars, restaurants and clubs has been prohibited in Michigan for decades. But a state law, which went into effect on Dec. 1, 2010, allowed the Sunday alcohol sales unless local governmental units kept the restriction in place.

Bob Koutnik, owner of the Fox Run Country Club located off of Four Mile Road, said he has state liquor licenses for the clubhouse and to serve alcohol on the golf course from beverage carts. He said it has been the biggest issue self-policing the country club for golfers who bring alcoholic beverages onto the golf course on Sunday and trying to confiscate their supply. Allowing people to consume the beverages on the course subjected the country club to losing its liquor license or fines.

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Seniors chow down at winter picnic

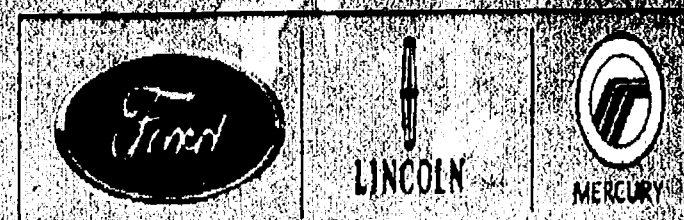


One hundred and twelve Grayling seniors attended the Crawford County Commission on Aging's Winter Picnic Dinner held at the Grayling Senior Center last Thursday. The menu included barbecue ribs, baked potatoes, baked beans, watermelon and a pudding whip dessert. Above, Orvetta Tucker deals with sticky fingers as she rotates from munching on her barbecue ribs and watermelon. Tucker was wearing her winter picnic hat. Left, Tom Conte, the husband of the Grayling Senior Center's head cook Denise Conte, volunteered and dressed up in overalls and a hat as he handled the 50-50 raffle at the winter picnic.

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Under Proposal A, which was passed by Michigan voters in 1993, seeking additional dollars through a regional district is the only way individual districts can get added funding.

"It's the only way, by law, a school district can seek added operational dollars is going for an ISD millage," said Crawford AuSable District Superintendent Joe Powers.

The drop in funding for K-12 through education prompted school districts

in the region to seek the millage. Districts are still mandated to fund special education services, while budgeting for general education expenses. Proposal A was aimed at transferring school funding to sales tax and other taxes rather than relying solely on property taxes. But as sales taxes and property values have continued to decline, school districts have been expected to provide more with fewer dollars.

"This is one way schools can get more operating dollars, but ultimately it will turn into over \$1 million all six districts can spend on education because the state is underfunding costs we are required to provide," Powers said.

Michigan law allows an ISD to increase its special education millage by up to 75 percent based on the special education millage in place in 1993. COOR's special education millage

in 1993 was levied at a .6961 mill. A 75 percent increase would raise the special education millage rate to 1.2181 mills. This would allow a ballot proposed maximum increase of .5852 mills above the current .6329 millage rate pre-Headlee Restoration. The Headlee Amendment requires governmental agencies and school districts to reduce their millage levies annually to account for inflation. The only way entities can restore the funding is through voter approval.

The total amount generated by the 1.2181 millage rate would equal \$3.7 million, which would be an increase of about \$1.8 million. Based on the special education head count, the increased millage would bring the average per special education student to \$2,519, an increase of approximately \$1,000 from where we are, yet approximately \$1,000 less than our surrounding ISDs

and the state as a whole.

Proposal A was aimed at bringing funding parity to school districts across the state. But the per pupil funding for the seven surrounding ISDs is \$3,441, an average of millage rates of 57 ISDs across the state is \$3,598, while the COOR ISD only generates \$1,484.

The annual cost of the .5852 mill increase to a homeowner with a \$100,000 home assessed at \$50,000 would be \$29.26.

Crawford AuSable, Fairview, Roscommon, Houghton Lake, Mio AuSable and West Branch-Rose City School District Boards of Education have given the green light to have the millage placed on the ballot.

The COOR ISD Board is expected to take final action to place the millage on the ballot at its next regular meeting, scheduled to be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 9.

Deadline nears to file candidacy for local education boards

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Crawford County voters will select candidates who will serve on the Crawford AuSable School District Board, the Crawford-Oscoda-Ogemaw-Roscommon Intermediate School District Board (COOR ISD) and the Kirtland Community College Board of Trustees in May.

The terms for Crawford AuSable School Board President Carol Ramaswamy, Vice President Lewis Madill, Secretary Jane Lange and Trustee William Dean all expire this year.

Crawford AuSable School District candidates, who wish to seek office on the bi-annual May 3 election ballot, must file their election paperwork no later than 4 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 8 with Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds Sandra Moore. The deadline to withdrawal is 4 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 11.

The candidate's petition must contain a minimum of 40 signatures and no more than 100 signatures. A \$100, non-refundable fee may be filed by the candidate in lieu of a peti-

tion. An affidavit of identity must be filed by the candidates with the petition or a filing fee.

Candidates for the COOR ISD Board or the Kirtland Community College Board of Trustees must file their petitions with Roscommon County Clerk Ann Bonk. The petitions must contain a minimum of 50 signatures and no more than 200 signatures. The candidates may also pay the \$100 filing fee in lieu of submitting a petition and an affidavit of identity must be filed with the petition.

The terms of COOR ISD Treasurer Rodney Robertson and Trustee Robert Declaire expire this year. Both men have indicated that they are running for reelection.

The COOR ISD seats are open to residents in the Crawford AuSable, Fairview, Roscommon, Houghton Lake, Mio AuSable and West Branch-Rose City School Districts. To be eligible, a candidate must be a registered voter in the school district where he or she is a candidate. They must be 18 years of age, must be a U.S. citizen, a resident of the State of

Michigan for at least 30 days and a resident of the school district on or before the 30th day prior to the date of the election.

For further information, prospective candidates can call COOR ISD Superintendent Robert Jones at 275-9520 or 275-9538.

The cut-off to file nominating petitions or to pay an optional \$100 filing fee for the Kirtland Community College Board of Trustees is 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 8. Persons considering running for a board position may pick up nominating petitions at the Roscommon County Clerk's office or at the president's office on Kirtland's main campus near Roscommon.

Petition signatures must come from registered voters within the college's tax district that includes Crawford, Oscoda, Ogemaw and Roscommon counties, as well as portions of Alcona, Gladwin, Kalkaska, Missaukee and Otsego counties.

The seats on the Kirtland Community College board that are up for election include trustee positions currently held by Denis

Weiss of West Branch, and Roberta Werle and Richard Silverman, both of Roscommon. All three seats are for six-year terms expiring June 30, 2017.

Weiss and Silverman are expected to run for reelection, but it is unclear if Werle will seek another term on the board.

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Lovells supervisor ready for retirement

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

With just over three decades of providing public service to Lovells Township and the surrounding area, Fred Schaibly is hanging up his hat as township supervisor.

Schaibly submitted his resignation to the Lovells Township Board and the board will accept the resignation at its Tuesday, Feb. 8 meeting.

Schaibly served all of his time for the Lovells community as the township supervisor. His first stint at the job went from 1974 to 1984. He was then reelected in 1988 and has held the position through his current term.

"I figured that was long enough," Schaibly said. "I'm not leaving the area. I'm just retiring is all."

Schaibly moved to Lovells Township in 1968. His main occupation, up until about six years ago, was as a bricklayer working on homes and building fireplaces.

Schaibly said he will not miss the job, but will miss working with the people, who he will still see around the community. He credited the citizens for all the success the township and the Lovells Volunteer Fire and EMS Department has accomplished over the years.

"I just appreciate the people for what they've done," he said. "They voted for me for all these years and the success wouldn't have been done without their work."

A farewell luncheon to honor Schaibly's 32 years of public service will be

held at noon on Thursday, Feb. 10 at the Lovells Township Hall.

Rick Anderson, vice-chairman of Crawford County Board of Commissioners, will recognize Schaibly for his service to Lovells Township and the county at the luncheon.

The remaining Lovells Township Board members will have 45 days after accepting Schaibly's resignation to appoint a new supervisor. The new supervisor will fill out the remainder of Schaibly's term, which ends with the elections in 2012.

Anyone interested in the position can contact Lovells Township Clerk Cynthia Infante at 348-9215.

Issues and Opinions



Almanack

by Richard Milliman

Will item pricing law be repealed?

GOV. RICK SNYDER covered a veritable waterfront of thoughts about what Michigan should be doing to reinvent itself during the next four years of his term. Some were more specific than others.

At least three calls for specific actions were prominent among all the other rhetoric, and all three raise certain alarms.

The new governor wants to repeal the present Michigan Business Tax and replace it with a 6 percent corporate profits tax. The Michigan business community generally applauded, because it sees any tax relief for business as good for Michigan.

The alarm obvious here is the cost. Switching taxes this way would reduce the state treasury's business tax yield by about \$2.5 billion when Michigan already is facing an expected \$1.8 billion deficit for the next fiscal year.

This tax change would deepen the deficit hole to \$3.3 billion; what is good news for business may not be so good for the overall state budget.

Gov. Snyder also wants to build a new publicly owned bridge across the Detroit River between Detroit and Windsor, and he offered a plan where Michigan

would avoid any immediate cost to build it, and even use Canadian money to provide Michigan's match for federal highway products in the state.

Most metro Detroit area boosters applaud the idea. The idea of a new bridge has been kicking around for some time, with no agreement how to get the job done. Gov. Snyder may have found the right formula for action.

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REPEAL OF Michigan's item pricing law may be more difficult. Lots of Michigan shoppers like individual prices marked clearly on each item offered for sale, and to change the ground rules may cause some opposition.

Gov. Snyder claims retailers could save \$2 billion a year if they didn't have to price each item; wary shoppers doubt that the cost of buying unmarked items would go down by that amount.

Mr. Snyder claims the law is antiquated and unnecessary because of scanners and other electronic advances available to help shopping and prevent price cheating.

Michigan has required item pricing since 1976. Now only two states — Michigan and

Massachusetts — require item pricing.

Weakening or repeal of item pricing has been advocated here several times, always without success. Former Gov. Jennifer Granholm scotched the idea for the eight years of her tenure by promising to veto repeal.

Former Gov. John Engler, who usually had a very persuasive way with getting laws that he wanted through the legislature, could never convince enough lawmakers to ease item pricing.

Michigan retail businesses generally cheered Gov. Snyder's proposal. Unions, especially those representing retail workers, strongly oppose the idea, claiming the \$2 billion in retail savings would come from reduced workforce, which probably is accurate.

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WHAT ABOUT shoppers? Personally, I like prices on every item, especially in grocery stores, where I spend more hours these days than before I started doing the family shopping for food, health aids and other necessities.

My view is pretty well echoed in a "Letter to the Editor" in *The Detroit Free Press* recently from a Richard L. Cole of Ann Arbor:

"The situation of scanners is irrelevant. We're not talking about cashiers having to read the tags; we're talking about the frequent difficulty relating the item with the (frequently absent) shelf marker, figuring out what the price of the item actually is and one hopes, making comparison shopping possible."

Whether the convenience to shoppers is worth \$2 billion to retailers is open to question. Gov. Snyder probably is right that younger generation folks, brought up on computers and all the associated electronic gadgets, can make do very well with scanners and bar codes and self checkouts, and probably could make it through a busy supermarket and out the door without even talking to another real person.

Older shoppers, I suspect, rely a lot more on item pricing to help them through the ordeal — or to some, the excitement — of shopping.

Progress has made most shopping more impersonal, and arguably more difficult.

We pump our own gas and pay at the pump with plastic. We check ourselves out at the grocery store. We thumb through piles and piles

of merchandise at department stores, trying to figure out what to buy, while the store personnel wait for you to bring the item to their work station. Big is considered better ... but big is impersonal.

Perhaps it's time for item pricing to hit the dust bin. If 48 other states can get along without it, Michigan can, too.

Lots of shoppers will hate to see it go, including this one.

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HISTORICAL NOTE — On January 26, 1837, the area that is Michigan changed status from territory to become the 26th member of the United States of America.

Happy 174th Birthday, Michigan!

Our state motto is: "If you seek a pleasant peninsula, look about you." That's true today, too.

Now, if we could just get Gov. Snyder (and others) to use the much more mellifluous term Michiganian instead of the much coarser sounding Michigander ...

Maybe there should be a law about that.

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Washington Notes

By Senators Debbie Stabenow and Carl Levin

Trash deal turns trucks around

We all remember the headlines when Toronto closed its landfill in 2003 and started shipping all their trash to Michigan. It was outrageous that Michigan had become Canada's dumping ground. This trash poses health, safety, and security threats to Michigan families and our communities, which is why we have made it our priority to stop the trash.

The root of the Canadian trash problem is simple economics. Michigan's trash dumping charge is the lowest in the region, which turned our Great Lakes State into a magnet for garbage from Toronto and other Ontario cities. Instead of using their own landfills, Ontario cities started filling up ours. Although these dumping charges are set by the state, we took the fight to stop the trash to Congress. Legislative efforts in the U.S. House and Senate got the attention of the Canadians.

In the summer of 2006, our efforts brought Ontario

officials to the negotiating table and together we hammered out an agreement that Ontario would stop sending their city trash to Michigan by the end of 2010. We are pleased to report that the agreement worked. As of December 31, 2010, Toronto and three other municipalities stopped sending their city trash to Michigan.

This Stabenow-Levin agreement literally slams the brakes on 1.5 million tons of Ontario's city waste that otherwise would be dumped in our backyard every year.

Of all the proposed solutions to deal with Canadian trash, this is the only one that has shown a real, measurable reduction in waste coming into our state. In fact, more than 40,000 truckloads of trash would be entering Michigan each year had we not reached this agreement. Many legal experts feel that if proposed federal legislation to simply ban Canadian trash passes, it will be subject to lengthy

court challenges under international laws for many years. One of the reasons our agreement has been successful is because it could not be challenged in court.

Canada has always been a great neighbor and we want to thank the Ontario officials and citizens who worked with us over the last four years to honor their agreement with our state. While this is an important victory, the fight is not over. In the coming months we will turn our attention to stopping the non-municipally managed waste coming into our state from private companies that was not covered by this agreement. We won't give up until all trash trucks coming into our great state from Canada are stopped.

Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow are Michigan's U.S. senators.

Note to editors: This joint op-ed by Senators Stabenow and Levin originally appeared in the Port Huron Times Herald.

Letters to the Editor

Observation of the Martin Luther King federal holiday shows respect

To the editor:

While most neighboring school districts as well as banks and Post Offices were closed in honor of Martin Luther King's birthday, Crawford-AuSable School District chose to keep schools in session.

Instead of honoring this important federal holiday, Crawford-AuSable School District chose to close schools on the first day of hunting season.

While I realize the thrill of the beginning of hunting season, and I do respect that venison is an important food for many, it is necessary to sacrifice the observance of

an important national day of recognition in order to take part in hunting activity?

Martin Luther King and many others were martyred in the struggle to attain (as promoted by our Constitution) peace and justice for all.

Following his death, his followers put forth a gargantuan effort to secure Jan. 17 as a national holiday. Observation of this holiday shows respect for the national struggle and victory, as well as a reminder of conditions that made it necessary. Lest we forget ...

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Letters to the Editor

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of the *Crawford County Avalanche*.

Your letters are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address

and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

Briefs

Crawford County Democrats to meet

The Crawford County Democrats will meet informally ("Coffee with the Democrats") on Saturday, Jan. 29, 10 a.m. at Thanks a Latte/Flowers by Josie.

Angelfood distribution announced

Angelfood distribution will be Saturday, Jan. 29, from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., at the Grayling Free Methodist Church. Food must be picked up at the time above or it will be given to someone in need. Bring a large box or cooler for your food. Next month's orders may be placed on distribution day.

Mercy Hospice to hold classes

Mercy Hospice will hold a six week series of classes on caring for a family member with a memory loss, beginning Tuesday, Feb. 15, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., in the Grayling Nature Center, I-75 Bus. Loop (by the city park.) Contact Sherry Haag at Mercy Hospice, 989-348-4383 for more information, or to register for the classes before Feb. 10.

Church to hold musical program

The Community of Christ Church will hold a musical program on Sunday, Jan. 30, at 11 a.m., featuring Brian Ashton and friends.

Community calendar available online

The Crawford County Avalanche has a community calendar on their new Web site. To view area happenings, or to be considered for publication of your event, go to crawfordcountyavalanche.com, click on community and go to the community calendar.

Huron-Manistee National Forests to accept public comment

The forest service is now accepting public comments on proposed changes to the Land and Resource Management Plan of the Huron-Manistee National Forests.

The Notice of Intent to prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) was published in the Federal Register Dec. 28, 2010. A copy of the NOI and additional information about the process is available at <http://fs.usda.gov/goto/hnmf/lrm-lrmp>.

As a result of a ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, the forest service will prepare a SEIS to evaluate the environmental impacts of a proposed ban on firearm hunting and snowmobile use, subject to existing rights, in semiprimitive non-motorized management areas and a ban on firearm hunting, subject to existing rights, in the Nordhouse Dunes Wilderness Area. Public comment will enable the agency to make a decision in accordance with federal regulations.

Comments must be received by Feb. 11. Written comments may be submitted to the Forest Planner, Huron-Manistee National Forests, 1755 S. Mitchell Street, Cadillac, MI 49601 or faxed to 231-775-5551. Comments may be submitted electronically

to: comments-eastern-huronmanistee@fs.fed.us, and should contain the subject line "Forest Plan SEIS."

Public meetings to explain the SEIS process and accept written comments will be held:

Jan. 31 - Hilton Inn Express of Birch Run, 12150 Dixie Hwy., Birch Run, from 4-8 p.m.;

Jan. 31 - Huron Shores Ranger Station, 5761 North Skeel Rd., Oscoda, from 4-7 p.m.;

Feb. 1 - Hilton Garden Inn, 26000 American Drive, Southfield, from 4-8 p.m.;

Feb. 1 - Mio Ranger Station, 107 McKinley Road, Mio, from 4-7 p.m.;

Feb. 2 - Causeway Bay Hotel (will be changing to a Best Western), 6820 South Cedar, Lansing, from 4-8 p.m.;

Feb. 2 - Days Inn of Manistee, 1462 US 31 South, Manistee, from 4-7 p.m.;

Feb. 3 - Crowne Plaza, 57000 East 28th St., Grand Rapids, from 4-8 p.m.;

Feb. 3 - Plainfield Township Hall, 885 Eighth Street, Baldwin, from 4-7 p.m.

For more information, contact Kenneth Arbogast, public affairs officer for the Huron-Manistee National Forests, at (231) 775-5023, Ext. 8726 or visit the forest website at www.fs.usda.gov/hnmf.

Trains to increase speed

Lake State Railway Company, in cooperation with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment, will be increasing the speed of travel of the trains which pass through your community. Currently, the trains are traveling at 10 miles per hour in specific areas. Effective Feb. 1, 2011, the speed will be increased to 25 miles per hour.

The increased train speed is consistent with the capacity of the line of rail passing through your community. Maintaining a constant speed of travel will pro-

mote safety and efficiency, will reduce the amount of time that trains are present in your area and will also help reduce the fire risk during dry periods.

In addition to the increase in speed, you may notice other operational changes, including a change in the time that trains pass through your community. These operational changes are part of a comprehensive plan to enhance safe and efficient operation of the railroad.

Lake State Railway wishes to continue its good relationship with our community.

Raffle Winners

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for Jan. 23 of \$25 each: Terry Orr, Kristie Ault, Ted Baynham and Jim Ryan.

Huron Pines Annual Meeting to feature volunteers, stewardship

As the new year is starting up, Huron Pines, a conservation-based nonprofit serving Northeast Michigan, is reflecting on a productive 2010 season and looking ahead to 2011 by hosting their annual meeting on Saturday, Feb. 5, at Treetops Resort Conference Center in Gaylord, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Todd Hogrefe, program director for the Sustain Our Great Lakes program, will present the keynote address, "Great Lakes Restoration - Financing the Effort through Public-Private Partnerships." Sustain Our Great Lakes is an effort to restore and protect the Great Lakes basin by leveraging funding, building conservation capacity, and focusing partners and resources toward key ecological issues.

In addition, Robert Wagner, Michigan DNRE Lake Huron Regional Director, will speak on citizen involvement and natural resource management as the

guest speaker.

"This is a great opportunity for like-minded people to interact with one another as well as find out how to get involved with a project in their area," says Lisha Ramsdell, Huron Pines Program Director.

Other features include a river demonstration model, information tables and an awards presentation highlighted by the O.B. Eustis Award, given to recognize environmental protection or improvement efforts in Northeast Michigan. Through an annual \$1,500 grant from the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan, award winners are able to designate their portion of the grant (at least \$500) to an environmental project in Northeast Michigan.

The event is open to the public and attendees must pre-register at www.huron-pines.org by Jan. 28. Space is limited. The registration fee is \$10 and lunch will be provided.

Ms. Club seeks poets, comedians for fund-raiser

Local poets and comedians will have a chance to display their talents and compete for prizes at the first-ever "Open-Mic and Poetry Slam for Poverty" to be hosted by Kirtland Ms. Club on Saturday, April 16, at the Grayling Country Club in Grayling.

Amateur poets and comedians wanting to participate in the fund-raising event should register by Tuesday, Feb. 1. There is a registration fee of \$5 per individual and \$10 for a team.

"They just need to register by Feb. 1," said event organizer Amy Inzina, an AmeriCorps VISTA member at Kirtland Community College. "They only need to sign up with their name and the title of their performance. The performance material doesn't have to be complete, not at this point."

Prizes will be awarded to the top high school and college students, there will also be an open class, in which anyone is welcome to compete, for both the poetry slam and comedian categories, as well as a grand prize for the overall winner. Contestants will be judged by the audience and a three-member panel.

Participants must perform

their own original work without the use of props, costumes or musical instruments. Performances will be limited to 5 minutes.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Kirtland Ms. Club, a non-profit group which seeks to help students attending Kirtland Community College by providing emergency loans and scholarship opportunities.

"Everyone should be a winner here," said Jo Ann Gave, Kirtland Ms. Club vice president. "The participants get to display their talents and compete for prizes, the audience gets a great night of entertainment and the funds raised will go help Kirtland students in need."

Cost to attend the fund-raiser is \$5 in advance or \$7 at the door.

For more information on the fund-raising event or to register as a participant, contact Inzina via e-mail at amy.inzina@kirtland.edu or call 989-275-5000, ext. 325.

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The Bible Speaks

Love Stays Humble

God says in Romans 12:16: "Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits." This is a practical expansion of God's truth stated in verse 3: "3For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith." It is also an expansion of God's truth found in verses 9,10: "9Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. 10Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another."

First, think of all others in the church as equals: "Be of the same mind one toward another..." This was God's instruction to the Corinthians also in 1 Cor. 1:10: "10Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." This truth is repeated to the Roman church in Romans 15:5,6: "Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus: That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." This unity comes from God's Holy Spirit through God's Word.

Second, treat all others in the church as equals: "Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate." To condescend does not mean to patronize which is detestable. It means to be led toward or gravitate toward the more simple and

natural things and people, instead of toward the mighty and proud. The great apostle Paul, used of God to write more New Testament epistles than any other person, said in Ephesians 3:8: "8Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ." As our Lord taught us in Philippians 2:5-8: "5Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."

Third, trust others as equals: "Be not wise in your own conceits." As Proverbs 26:12 says: "Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? there is more hope of a fool than of him." "Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves." (Phil 2:3). When His disciples questioned who should be the greatest Jesus taught in Matthew 20:25,26: "But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister." Just be an humble servant. Pastor "B"

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GMS names students of the month



The students selected as Grayling Middle School Students of the Month for December are: (from left to right, back row) Adam Brill, Jackie Bulmer, Valerie Burch, Lillie Carr, Alayna Cobb, Cassidy DeBusschere, Samantha Denno; (middle row) Easton Farrell, Kayla Forrester, Josilyn Gabriel, Cortney Hickman, Jocelyn Kohnert, Briann Koves, Ashley Langowski, Mary Miltz, Logan Noffsinger; (front row) Megan Opperman, Amanda Peterson, Elijah Robbins, Jennifer Sheehan, Matt Tompkins, Elizabeth VanSickle, Krista Whitney.

GHS Honor Roll

First Trimester

9th Grade

All "A" Honor Roll

Mara Adamski, Gage Albright, Mikaela Ashton, Meghan Beard, Michael Branch, Samuel Cousins, Rachel Dubriwny, Hope Ervin, Brooklynn Golnick, Marilyn Jankowski, Naomi Kolka, Meagan Malm, Torrey Messerschmidt, Dana Molands, Cassandra Northrup, Tara Pummell, Gabrielle Smith, Colbie Wakeley, Kelsey Wejrowski, Adam Wojdan.

"B" Honor Roll

Shelby Alimenti, Cody Baynham, Jessica Brannam, Jacob Brown, Jordan Bulmer, Tracey Burch, Alexandra Case, Casey Castillo, Chynna Clark, Justice Cochrane, Macy Crowder, Rayne Davis, Taylor Demaray, Alexandra Furst, Caleb Fyan, Matthew Griffin, Waylon Halfacre, Tara Henderson, Terrance Johns, Brenna Johnston, Justice Juntilla, Michaela Kahn, Lucas Kincaid, Travis Kirk, Brandon Latusek, Amy LeBlanc, Dominique Linderer, Jessica Lohr, Dillon Miller, Jennifer Miller, Logan Miller, Rachael Miller, Tandy Mitchell, Madison Nielson, Denise Peters, Jonathan Petrie, Hailey Petty,

Heather Petty, Caitlin Phillips, Cierra Prosser, Nicholas Rauch-Smock, William Romain, Cierra Russell, Charles Shears, Matthew Shelp, Grady Smith, Jake Swander, Mitchell Thompson, Ghayge Toomey, Terry Wakeley, Geoffrey Wilson, Natalie Woodley, Judy Wright, Peyton Zigala.

10th Grade

All "A" Honor Roll

Jacob Cochrane, Danielle Dami, Wesley Dean, Shanley Dorn, Stanna Dorn, Katrina Foguth, Sarah Goodyear, Hannah Haven, Alyssa Morley, Brittany Naumiec, Scott Parkinson, Krishael Peterson, Andrew Robbins, Kyle Schmidt.

"B" Honor Roll

Nickolas Amaya Jr., Emma Burke, Jillian Calvin, Nicole Chad, Miranda Davis, Olivia Dikin, Carly Duncley, Jeffrey Enos, Madilyn Gabriel, Calvin Halfacre, Jo Hamlin, Jakob Hoover, Shannon Horton, Rachel Jensen, Steven Johnson, Levi Korneli, Mason Krey, Darryn Labo, Jeffrey LaVigne, Megan Luke, Louis Menard, Katherine Mikolaczky, Hillary Moore, Elizabeth Mowrey, Courtney Nickerson, Cortnee Nye,

Lisa Orr, Tyler Powers, Caitlin Prosser, Louise Putnam, Angeline Rouston, Danielle Schwartz, David Somero, Jessica Starr, Shawn Thomas.

11th Grade

All "A" Honor Roll

Griffin Dean, Hillary Fenton, Lindsey Johnson, Natasha Kappers, Tabitha Watkins, Nicholas Wells, Camren Wilson.

"B" Honor Roll

Kaitlin Adamski, Alexandra Baudoux, Charles Bertram, Samantha Birtles, Thomas Burrell, Rachel Cooper, Kelsey Dean, Elaine Desenfants, Trevor DeWitt, Taylor DuVall, Steven Enos, Timothy Frost, Cynthia Graham, Katherine Greene, Darcy Greer, Thomas Grover, Kristi Helsel, Jacob Kaul, Shane Krayes, Joseph Latusek, August Ledesma, Xavier Lindsey, Paige Lobsinger, Andrea Malm, Kara Malm, Majerle Nielson, Shelby Northrup, Mikaela Parish, Savannah Port, Rebecca Rappley, Jared Robbins, Sarah Robinson, Joseph Schwartz, Jamie Shirkey, Josie Swander, Emily Ventline, Ashley Whitcher, Logan Woodley.

12th Grade

All "A" Honor Roll

Fisher Ankney, Richelle Grosskopf, Tessa Lantonnois Van Rode, Marie Lautrup, Ethan Lewis, Nicholas McDonald, Nina Mertzbach, Hali Miller, Rebecca Money, Sara Trudgeon.

"B" Honor Roll

Joshua Aimesbury, Jensen Aubry, Samantha Bidwell, Mille Bisgaard, Kaitlin Carney, Alexis Dandy, Erin Dubriwny, Brianna Dutton, Paul Ferris, Aleshia Hamblin, Ann Hamlin, Nicolas Held, Jacob Helsel, Trey Jackson, Nicholas Jacobs, Ashley Jensen, Elizabeth Kengel, Melissa Kocenas, Zachary Larson, Joshua Meyer, Shalee Miller, Ashley Moery, Carlie Money, Kaitlyn Money, Kevin Ningelman, Katlyn Nye, Darin Peters, Olivia Peters, Binh Pham, Diana G. Pineiros Coral, Spencer Rasmusson, Eric Rutter, Nicholas Sanford, Luke Schneider, Rebecca Sloan, Jordan Stephan, Amber Swanson, Kacper Szymansky, Ryan Teeple, Trevor Theaker, Abbey Thomas, Matthew Townsend, Joseph VanNuck, Joseph White, Seth Yankey.

Animal Shelter Memorials

The AuSable Valley Animal Shelter has received memorial donations in honor of those who have passed and donations honoring special occasions. The following is a list of honorees and donors for the period of October through December, 2010:

In memory of: For Valerie Smith, in loving memory, from Kalkaska Eagles Aux #4496 (Daily Operations)

For Darby (Eric and Connie Bankhead), from Janet Stevenson. (Daily Operations)

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For Maizie Blue, from Linda and Aubrey Welch. (Daily Operations)

For Dixie Lobsinger, from Babs Smith. (Daily Operations)

For Wendy, from Elizabeth Chace. (Daily Operations)

For George Hammond Family, from Jackie Krause and Grace Burwell. (Daily Operations)

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Alexander Okinczye. (Daily Operations)

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Diane Sorge, from Ruth Curry, (Daily Operations)

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Make memorial, in honor of, Thor fund (to help pay veterinary expenses for animals that come to the shelter in crisis), building fund (to help pay for our new shelter) and Daily Operations donations payable to: AuSable Valley Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 384, Grayling, MI 49738-0384.



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URL: <http://www.graylingbaptistchurch.com>
Pastor: robert@graylingbaptistchurch.com

Calvary Baptist Church

Pastor: Dr. Robert Barnett
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Evening Worship: 6pm
Wednesday: 7pm
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed): 7pm

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Senior Citizen News

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, Jan. 28 - Lunch - original fried chicken, baked beans, potato salad and an orange. No Dinner. 10 a.m. card golf, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo and Pool.

Monday, Jan. 31 - Lunch - BBQ pork sandwich, coleslaw, corn and fruit cocktail. Dinner - swiss steak, baked potato, Prince Charles vegetables and pears. 10 a.m. quilting, 12:30 p.m. Zumba Gold, 1:30 p.m. clogging, 1 p.m. Bridge, 2:30 p.m. Bunco.

Tuesday, Feb. 1 - Lunch - stuffed cabbage, mashed potatoes, carrots and pears. Dinner - chicken stir fry, rice, asparagus and pineapple. 10 Bible Study and

Zumba Gold, 1 p.m. Euchre, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks.

Wednesday, Feb. 2 - Lunch - macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, Brussels sprouts and fruit cocktail. Dinner - baked ham, marshmallow sweet potatoes, peas and carrots, pears and apple crisp. 10 a.m. line dancing, 1 p.m. pool league and Wii Bowling.

Thursday, Feb. 3 - Lunch

- turkey breast, mashed potatoes, corn, cranberry sauce, mandarin oranges, and cheese cake. Dinner - tuna steak, scalloped potatoes, peas and applesauce. 9 a.m. craft class, 10 a.m. Pokemo, 11 a.m. UNO Attack, 12 p.m. NARFE meeting.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

Military News

Staff Sergeant David Montgomery of Grayling, has extended with the Michigan Army National Guard to deploy with his unit after 19 years of military service.

Montgomery is a member of Company F 237th Brigade Support Battalion, Bay City, and serves as a maintenance control and recovery non-commissioned officer.

Prior to his guard service, Montgomery served on active duty for four years.

Montgomery attended basic training in 1991, at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. He has also attended Recovery Operations Course, Primary Leadership Development Course, Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic Course and Basic Non-Commissioned Officer Course.

He is a 2008 veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom. During his tour, he served as a non-commissioned officer in charge of recovery operations.

During his military career, Montgomery has received numerous awards including an Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, an Iraqi Campaign Medal and a Good Conduct Medal.

In civilian life, Montgomery works at the Maneuver Area Training Equipment Site (MATES) as a heavy wheeled vehicle mechanic.

Montgomery and his wife, Lisa, have six children, Sam, Yuri, Danni, Ashleigh, Michelle and Geoffrey, and one grandchild, Kaleb.

Navy Seaman Recruit James A. Crittenden recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training

Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Crittenden completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations". This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of honor, courage and commitment.

Crittenden is a 2007 graduate of Grayling High School and the son of Elizabeth I. and Roger D. Crittenden of Grayling.

Army National Guard Pvt. William B. Fowler has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, core values and traditions. Additional training included development of basic combat skills and battlefield operations and tactics, and experiencing use of various weapons and weapons defenses available to the infantry crewman.

He is the son of Jeff Fowler of Grayling. He graduated in 2009 from Grayling High School.

Business News



Scott Hartman

Scott Hartman, of Grayling, has been promoted to Retail Store Manager at the Basic Communications Grayling store located in the Grayling Mini-Mall, I-75 Business Loop. Basic Communications handles Verizon Wireless, Direct TV, Dish Network and

other telecommunication needs.

Hartman has been employed at Basic Communications for over two years and has earned Peak-Performer for leading sales performance four times during his employment.

Hartman studied Business Management at Kirtland Community College and Lansing Community College. He has been in sales and telecommunications for over 13 years.

Hartman was born and raised in Grayling and graduated from Grayling High School in 1996. He and his wife, Jessica, have two children, Jacob and Jillian.

Library News

"Story Hour" will be held at the Devereaux Memorial Library every Wednesday at 11:15 a.m. Children ages 0-5 and their caregivers can enjoy an interactive program filled with stories, crafts and a snack. For additional information contact Connie Meyer at 989-348-9214.

The Devereaux Memorial Library hosts a monthly writing club called "Write

On!" Share ideas and support with other adults on Tuesday, Feb. 1 at 5 p.m. Call Jane at 989-348-9214 for more information.

Sit n' Knit will meet at Devereaux Memorial Library on Thursday, Feb. 3 at 10 a.m. Share quality time with other needle heads and hear a few good yarns at the library. Beginners and all skill levels welcome.

Range Firing

Range activities at Camp Grayling for Feb. 3-9 will be as follows:

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), Feb. 3-5

and 7-9.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: 989-348-6371. For further information call 989-344-6100.

The Brickery selected as January Spotlight-a-Member



Linda Nickert, owner of The Brickery, received the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Ambassador's Club Spotlight-a-Member Award for January.

The Brickery, owned by Jeff and Linda Nickert, received the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Ambassador's Club Spotlight-a-Member Award for January.

The Brickery, located at 107 Ottawa (one block north of the light on I-75 Business Loop) Grayling, opened in 2007.

"The building is over a hundred years old," said Linda. "The tin ceiling and floor are original. As time goes by, we plan on bringing back some of the original floor plans and restore it as

close as possible."

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New director appointed at National Guard ceremony

Gov. Rick Snyder attended a change of command ceremony at the Michigan National Guard Joint Force Headquarters on Saturday.

Snyder and retiring Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Thomas Cutler welcomed incoming Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) Director and Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Gregory Vadnais in a ceremony held in the drill hall of the headquarters building.

Vadnais, of Gaylord, has more than 30 years experience in the Michigan National Guard and has

commanded at every level in the Army National Guard. He is the former commander of the 38th Infantry Division (Mechanized). In his tenure as a commander, more than 9,000 soldiers were mobilized and deployed to 17 different countries including Iraq, Afghanistan, Bosnia, Kosovo, Egypt and to numerous other security missions in the United States and abroad.

Vadnais was the commander for Joint Task Force Cyclone, in response to hurricane Katrina, providing command and control of more than 14,000 soldiers and airmen deployed

in Mississippi.

Cutler, with more than 40 years of total service, has been the DMVA Director and Michigan National Guard Adjutant General since 2003. During his tenure, troop deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan) have been exceptionally high making his mission of preparing troops for combat and providing family support stateside, one of the toughest any leader has had to manage. Cutler took every opportunity to visit deployed troops while currently preparing troops

for national emergencies, natural disaster response and recovery, and terrorist threats to homeland security.

"Being the Adjutant General of the Michigan National Guard has truly been an honor," Cutler said. "Each soldier and airman, each family member, each DMVA employee and our partners in Latvia and Liberia have touched my life in ways words alone cannot describe. I am so proud of the work our soldiers and airmen have done here and abroad. My wife and I are thankful to have had this opportunity to serve."

87th District Court

Sentencings for December 2010

Hon. Monte J. Burmeister

Donna Lee Hamblin, age 57 of Kalkaska - Sentenced on Dec. 28, 2010, for retail fraud second-degree; ordered to serve 15 days in jail with credit for four days served; ordered to pay \$723 in fines or serve 72 days in jail; placed on probation for 121 days.

Charles Metzorian, age 53

of Traverse City - Sentenced on Dec. 16, 2010, for impeded traffic; ordered to pay \$120 in fines.

Trey Andrew Larocque, age 21 of Sterling Heights - Sentenced on Dec. 22, 2010, for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate and alter/unlawful use of operator's license/false information; ordered to pay \$800 in fines or serve 80 days in jail.

Jodi Allyn Sedlak, age 43 of Houghton Lake - Sentenced on Dec. 7, 2010, for embezzlement-agent/trustee over \$200 but under \$1,000; ordered to serve five days in jail with credit for three days served; ordered to pay \$1,598 in fines and \$14,563 in restitution or serve 360 days in jail; placed on probation for 731 days.

John Anthony Schlaff, age 40 of Grayling - Sentenced on Dec. 7, 2010, for disorderly person/drunken; ordered to serve 15 days in jail; ordered to pay \$323 in fines.

Louis Glenn Cotton Jr., age 37 of Traverse City - Sentenced on Dec. 21, 2010, for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to serve four days in jail with credit for four days served; ordered to pay \$350 in fines or serve 35 days in jail.

Richard P. McCulley, age 68 of Dunwoody - Sentenced on Dec. 13, 2010, for careless driving; ordered to pay \$200 in fines.

Robert Lewis Harris, age 38 of Grayling - Sentenced on Dec. 7, 2010, for operate while visibly impaired; ordered to serve 15 days in jail with credit for one day served; ordered to pay \$1,235 in fines or serve 78 days in jail; placed on probation for 182 days.

Jon David Sauve, age 43 of Roscommon - Sentenced on Dec. 7, 2010, for assault/battery; ordered to pay \$638 in fines or serve 63 days in jail; placed on probation for 182 days.

Michael Ryan Olsen, age 23 of Rose City - Sentenced on Dec. 22, 2010, for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to pay \$450 in fines or serve 45 days in jail.

William James Barber, age 39 of Grayling - Sentenced on Dec. 28, 2010, for operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$613 in fines or serve 61 days in jail; placed on probation for 182 days.

Edgar Lee Hall, age 69 of Carp Lake - Sentenced on Dec. 14, 2010, for operating while intoxicated and open alcohol in a motor vehicle; ordered to serve one day in jail with credit for one day served; ordered to pay \$1,271 in fines or serve 88 days in jail; placed on probation for 182 days.

April Love Brown, age 25 of Frederic - Sentenced on Dec. 14, 2010, for malicious destruction of property less than \$200; ordered to pay \$798 in fines and \$420 in restitution or serve 93 days in jail; placed on probation for 121 days.

Benjamin Keith Clifton, age 21 of Flint - Sentenced on Dec. 21, 2010, for alcohol-selling/furnishing to minor; ordered to pay \$1,783 in fines or serve 60 days in jail; placed on probation for 182 days.

Charles Franklin Galloway, age 35 of Grayling - Sentenced on Dec. 14, 2010, for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to serve five days in jail; ordered to pay \$238 in fines or serve 23 days in jail.

Ashley Anne Lucier, age 23 of Roscommon - Sentenced on Dec. 7, 2010, for operating while intoxicated; ordered to pay \$1,088 in fines or serve 93 days in jail; placed on probation for 182 days.

Brian Joseph Tucker, age 29 of Corunna - Sentenced on Dec. 14, 2010, for reckless driving; ordered to pay \$528 in fines or serve 52 days in jail; placed on probation for 121 days.

Timothy Wayne Padgett, age 50 of Grayling - Sentenced on Dec. 7, 2010,

for ORV-operate while impaired; ordered to pay \$498 in fines or serve 49 days in jail; placed on probation for 90 days.

Sean Mitchell Darling, age 24 of Grayling - Sentenced on Dec. 28, 2010, for violation of city ordinance #4; ordered to serve five days in jail with credit for one day served; ordered to pay \$833 in fines or serve 83 days in jail; placed on probation for 182 days.

Andrew Steven Failing, age 22 of Grayling - Sentenced on Dec. 28, 2010, for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to serve five days in jail with credit for one day served; ordered to pay \$263 in fines or serve 26 days in jail.

William Lee Collett, age 38 of Grayling - Sentenced on Dec. 28, 2010, for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to serve five days in jail with credit for five days served; ordered to pay \$823 in fines or serve 82 days in jail; placed on probation for 121 days.

Minard James Harwood II, age 31 of Grayling - Sentenced on Dec. 7, 2010, for impeded traffic; ordered to pay \$120 in fines.

Derick Scott Humphrey, age 23 of Clare - Sentenced on Dec. 7, 2010, for impeded traffic; ordered to pay \$120 in fines.

Daniel Frederick Mathey Jr., age 23 of Grayling - Sentenced on Dec. 14, 2010, for controlled substance possession of marijuana; ordered to pay \$1,058 in fines or serve 105 days in jail; placed on probation for 182 days.

Andrew Michael Goddard, age 21 of Gaylord - Sentenced on Dec. 28, 2010, for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate and improper use of a license plate; ordered to pay \$916 in fines or serve 91 days in jail.

Tisha Marie Boyden, age 39 of Kalkaska - Sentenced on Dec. 28, 2010, for impeded traffic; ordered to pay \$120 in fines.

Sheriff's Report

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 83 complaints the week of Jan. 17 - Jan. 23.

One traffic related incident, 16 general non-criminal complaints, two false alarm activations, one criminal sexual conduct second-degree-forcible contact, one assault and battery/simple assault, two burglaries/home invasions, two larcenies, one public peace/disorderly complaint, one OUIL/UBAL, one operating while intoxicated, one health and safety, one

food-adulterated, three miscellaneous criminal offenses, one miscellaneous arrest, 28 traffic accidents, one traffic safety public appearance, one hazardous condition, one lost and found property, two family troubles-domestic, 11 suspicious situations, three driving violations/driving while license suspended, and two driving on revoked/suspended license.

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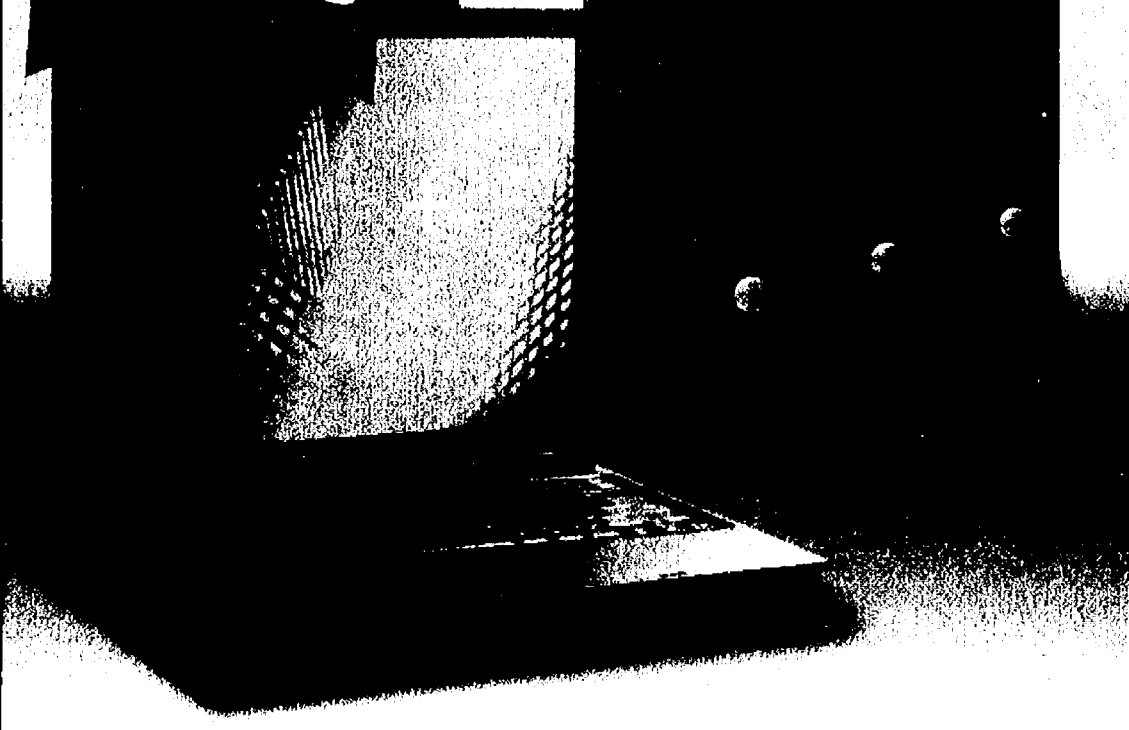


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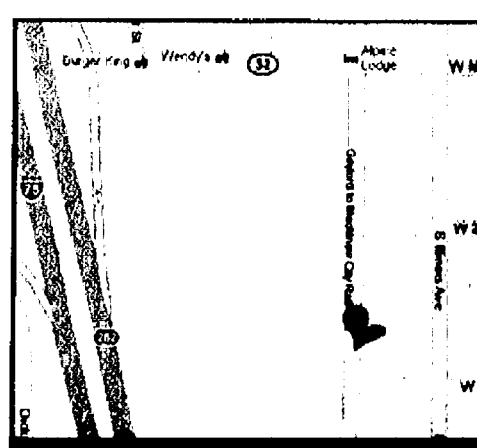
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33-point 3rd quarter helps lead JV Vikings past Kalkaska, 67-62

The Grayling Vikings trailed by seven at halftime of Monday night's JV boys basketball game, but they outscored the Kalkaska Blazers 33-17 in the third quarter, aiding a comeback effort that resulted in a 67-62 victory at Kalkaska.

"We had a slow start in the first half but followed it up with a huge third quarter. We outscored Kalkaska 33-17, which was sparked by a 12-2 run led by Mason Krey, Jake Swander, and Jacob Cochrane," Coach

Chris Kucharek said.

The Vikings shot 45 percent from two-point range (17 for 40) and 45 percent from three-point distance (6 for 15).

Swander had 15 points, five assists, eight rebounds, and four steals for GHS. Justice Junttila finished with 12 points. Krey had 10 points. Jeff Enos also scored 10 points. Wes Dean had nine points and seven rebounds. Cochrane had three points.

"I was very pleased with

how balanced our scoring was. Wes Dean was one point away from making our fifth guy who scored in double digits. This was a big road win for us against a pretty good Kalkaska team," Coach Kucharek said.

Grayling lost 61-45 at Traverse City St. Francis on Thursday night.

"We didn't help ourselves with the turnovers and lack of rebounding in this game. This really limited the number of offensive possessions we had. Despite how poor-

ly we played we still had several missed lay-ups and close shots that could have kept us in the game. I look forward to playing (Traverse City St. Francis) at home later in the year because I know we are a better team than we showed on Thursday," Coach Kucharek said.

Grayling (7-2 overall, 3-2 league) will play at Charlevoix on Thursday, Jan. 27.

Freshmen follow first loss with 71-31 win

Grayling High School's freshman boys basketball team followed its first loss of the season - a 50-44 defeat at Petoskey on Monday - with a 71-31 victory at Traverse City St. Francis on Friday.

"The team came out determined to bounce back from the first loss of the year. (Traverse City) was big and physical but our bigs, especially Michael Branch and Richie Sanford, played well and together recorded 16 rebounds. Scott Wakely and Geoff Wilson also added to the rebounding total to keep the Glads from getting more offensive chances," Coach Craig Hofman said.

"We used our quickness and speed to press and force St. Francis into a lot of turnovers. Except for a couple of lapses in the second quarter we played a very consistent four quarters of basketball. We hit our lay-ups and ran our half-court offense effectively and hit outside shots. I was very pleased with the effort and basketball that we played. Defensively we played well

in the half-court man-to-man, which we have been working on all year," Coach Hofman said.

Tyler McClanahan had 22 points, five assists, and six steals for GHS. Wilson had 12 points and six rebounds. Sanford had 11 points and eight rebounds. Wakely had nine points and five rebounds. Branch scored six points and finished with eight rebounds and four steals. CJ White, Gage Albright, Matt Burrell, and Peyton Zigila also scored points for Grayling.

GHS lost by six points, 50-44, at Petoskey on Monday, ending the team's unbeaten streak at five wins.

"We knew this was going to be a tough game and the players responded. We played a very solid game for three and half quarters and then we self-destructed. We had good defensive and offensive play throughout the game but in the end there was a lid on the basket. We missed several lay-ups and short shots that would have put the game away but we froze up. Petoskey didn't

do anything different; we just could not put the ball in the basket," Coach Hofman said. "This is hopefully a big lesson for the team. We talk about winning all four quarters but we only won three. Petoskey is a very good team that we can beat with a consistent four quarter effort."

McClanahan had 14 points and six rebounds. Branch had 11 points and eight rebounds. Wilson had eight points and seven rebounds.

"Peyton Zigila had a very good offensive and defensive game," Coach Hofman said.

The Vikings (6-1 overall, 4-0 league) will host Charlevoix at 6 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 28, at GMS.

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Wrestlers dominate two league foes at Kalkaska

Grayling wins 12 of 13 contested matches Thursday

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

There were 28 total bouts slated between Grayling and its two opponents, but only 13 of them yielded matches; fifteen potential battles for GHS were forfeited by one or both teams during last Thursday's three-team wrestling meet held at

Kalkaska High School.

The Vikings won 12 of those 13 contested matches and defeated Kalkaska and Charlevoix – both of which are conference foes – by large margins.

Grayling wrestled against the Charlevoix Rayders in the first series of the night.

Ghayge Toomey (103) won an 8-2 decision in the first match. Anthony Morse (112) pinned his Charlevoix counterpart in the first round. Jerry Bergey (119) won 11-3. Cody Elmy (125) scored a first round pin. Olivia Peters (130) pinned her Charlevoix opponent in the second round. Grayling led 24-0.

Joe White (135), Paul Ferris (140), and Jacob Ervin (145) all won by default. Ty Jensen (152) won by pin in the second round. Grayling had a 48-0 advantage.

Charlevoix won a 10-7 decision at 160.

Jeff Myers (171) and Ryan Randall (215) both won by default. Both teams forfeited at 189 and heavyweight.

Grayling won 60-3.

In the second match-up of the night, Kalkaska edged Charlevoix 39-30.

Kalkaska then battled Grayling.

Bergey (119) and Elmy (125) pinned their Kalkaska opponents in the first round.

Peters (130) won a 6-5 decision. White (135) and Ferris (140) both won decisions by the same score, 7-1.

The next three Grayling wrestlers – Ervin (145), Jensen (152), and Josh Handrich (160) – won by default.

Myers (171) won his match 16-9.

Grayling forfeited at 189, 215, and heavyweight.

Toomey (103) and Morse



Anthony Morse (112) battles a Charlevoix opponent on Thursday.



Jeff Myers (171) wrestles against Kalkaska on Thursday night.



Ty Jensen (152) goes against a Charlevoix opponent at Kalkaska last week.

(112) won by default.

The Vikings won the

wrestle at Elk Rapids on Thursday, Jan. 27, at 6 p.m.

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Unbeaten Kalkaska's press too much for Grayling in 95-59 loss Vikings fall to undefeated Gladiators on Friday

The Grayling Vikings were unable to consistently break Kalkaska's full court pressure defense during last Tuesday's varsity girls basketball game, and the visiting Blazers - a group that was 8-0 overall going into the contest - won by a final score of 95-59. The contest was played at Grayling Middle School.

Grayling scored 17 points in the first quarter, but Kalkaska - converting steals into quick points with its full court press - scored 27 in the first eight minutes of the game. The Vikings led 11-10 at the quarter's 4:55 mark, but the Blazers outscored Grayling 17-6 during the remainder of the period.

Grayling scored its 17 first quarter points with two jump shots by guard Jo Hamlin, a lay-up by guard Cierra Prosser, a put-back by center Abbey Thomas, a triple by Hamlin, and three-point plays by Thomas and Hamlin.

The Vikings trailed 49-27 at halftime. Grayling scored its 10 second quarter points with an inside shot by forward Ann Hamlin, a drive by guard Shalee Miller, two free throws by Thomas, a jumper by J. Hamlin, and a basket by Thomas.

Kalkaska edged Grayling 23-20 in the third period. The Vikings scored their points with an inside shot by Thomas, a three-point play by Thomas, a jumper by Prosser, a drive by J. Hamlin, an inside shot by A. Hamlin, a lay-up by J. Hamlin, and free throws by J. Hamlin and A. Hamlin.

The Blazers outscored Grayling 21-9 in the fourth quarter, including a 12-2 run to start the period. Grayling's nine points came



Abbey Thomas takes an inside shot for the Vikings on Tuesday vs. the Blazers.

from put-backs by Prosser and A. Hamlin, jumpers by J. Hamlin and A. Hamlin, and a free throw by Miller.

Kalkaska won by 36. J. Hamlin finished with 23 points for the Vikings. Thomas had 17 points, eight rebounds, and four blocks. A. Hamlin had 10 points, eight rebounds, and three blocks.

"Our girls faced a very good Kalkaska team that is undefeated this year and were undefeated last year as well in the regular season. Even though our girls faced a very difficult team, they played with a lot of intensity, played the entire 94 feet of court, and played hard the entire game. I give a lot of credit to the Kalkaska team as they have some outstand-

ing basketball players," Coach Joe Powers said. "I'm proud of our girls that even though Kalkaska can score exceptionally well, our girls took the ball right at them. (Grayling) scored the most against Kalkaska that any team has over the last two undefeated seasons."

No team had scored more than 45 points vs. Kalkaska this season going into Tuesday night.

Grayling played another unbeaten team on Friday night - the 9-0 Gladiators of Traverse City St. Francis - and lost by a final score of 63-47. The contest was played in Traverse City.

"St. Francis is a very talented team. By far, (Traverse City St. Francis) is the tallest team that we will play. Our girls, faced with a definitive size disadvantage, boxed out the best they have all season long. I'm really proud of the way the girls boxed out. They absolutely had to in order to stay in the game. It was a game throughout the four quarters as we cut the lead down to nine with about five minutes to go. St. Francis is an undefeated team for a reason. Our girls played them very tough and gave them everything that they wanted," Coach Powers said.

Thomas had 16 points for Grayling. Guard Teresa Schreiber had 10 points and eight rebounds. A. Hamlin had eight points and seven rebounds. J. Hamlin had six

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St. Francis	5-0
Kalkaska	4-0
Elk Rapids	3-1
Harbor Springs	2-4
Charlevoix	1-3
East Jordan	1-3
GRAYLING	1-4
Boyne City	0-4

Last week's scores

Kalkaska 95, Grayling 59
St. Francis 63, Grayling 47
Charlevoix 67, Elk Rapids 47
Kalkaska 67, Harbor Springs 36

points and six assists.

On Jan. 14, Grayling lost 67-55 at Elk Rapids.

"Elk Rapids was able to physically contest us down the entire court, which caused problems for us through missed passes and turnovers. Elk is a pretty good team and they have a very good point guard in (Megan Gregorski). Our girls played hard but it was a difficult setting playing on the road," Coach Powers said.

Schreiber had 24 points, 10 rebounds, and five steals for Grayling. J. Hamlin had 10 points. A. Hamlin had nine points and nine rebounds. Thomas finished with seven points and seven rebounds.

Grayling (5-6 overall, 1-4 league) will host Charlevoix at 6 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 28.

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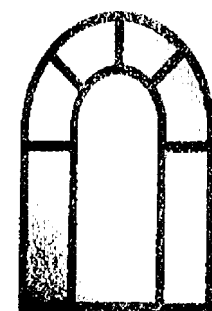


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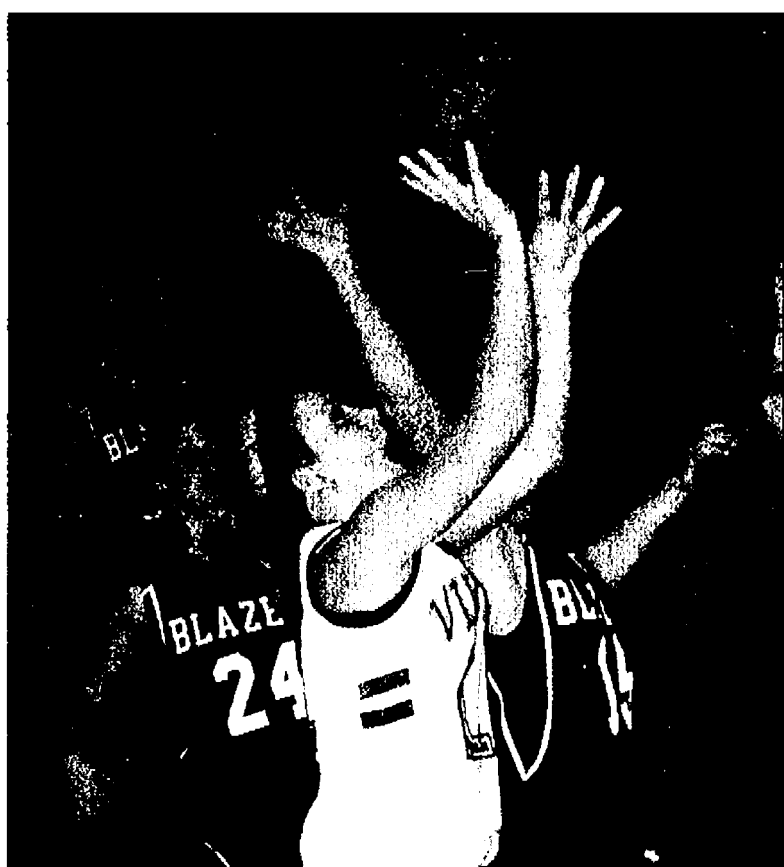
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Cierra Prosser shoots a lay-up for Grayling against Kalkaska.

9th graders fall 37-18 at Petoskey

The GHS freshman girls basketball team fell 37-18 at Petoskey on Monday night.

"Tonight just wasn't our night," Coach Brooke Knight said. "We had some solid looks at the basket but couldn't get the shots to fall. The girls worked very well in our press when we could get it set up and they also made a great adjustment on offense when Petoskey switched their defense."

Tandy Mitchell had five points and seven steals for the Vikings. Colbie Wakeley had five points and three steals. Madison Nielson had four points and 10 rebounds. Makayla Cragg scored four points and had three rebounds.

"Tandy continues to work hard for us by pressuring their point guard, leading to her seven steals, and Maddie Nielson is really

coming along and dominating the boards," Coach Knight said. "What continues to hurt us is our free throws, as we went 4 for 18 tonight from the free-throw line. We've got to develop the confidence and the determination to knock down some shots."

The Vikings (2-6 overall, 0-3 league) will play at Charlevoix on Thursday, Jan. 27.

Pool League

Women's Standings

Frederic Inn	113
Gray Rock 1	86
Swamp 2	72
Growlers Pub	83
Gray Rock 2	54

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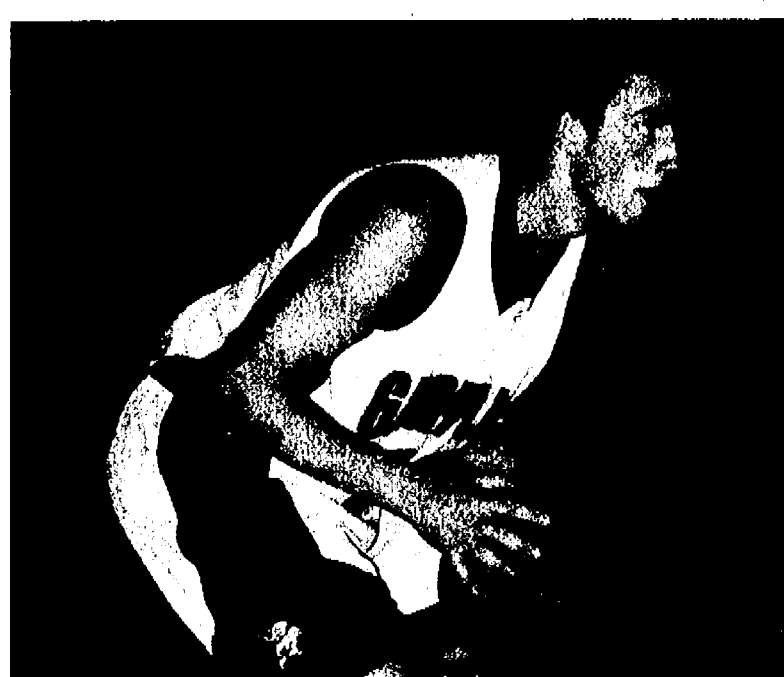
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Riley Zigila, left, and Zane Tobin, right, handle the ball for the Vikings on Tuesday night.



Second half effort leads to 65-39 win vs. Kalkaska

Loss at St. Francis ends unbeaten streak at eight

After a slow first half, Grayling High School's varsity boys basketball team outscored the Kalkaska Blazers 39-23 in the second half of Tuesday night's league game – a match played at Grayling Middle School – to win by 26, 65-39.

Grayling led 9-8 after a low-scoring first quarter. The Vikings scored with a drive by forward Steven Enos, a jump shot by guard Zane Tobin, a put-back by center Griffin Dean, and a three-point play by forward Tom Burrell.

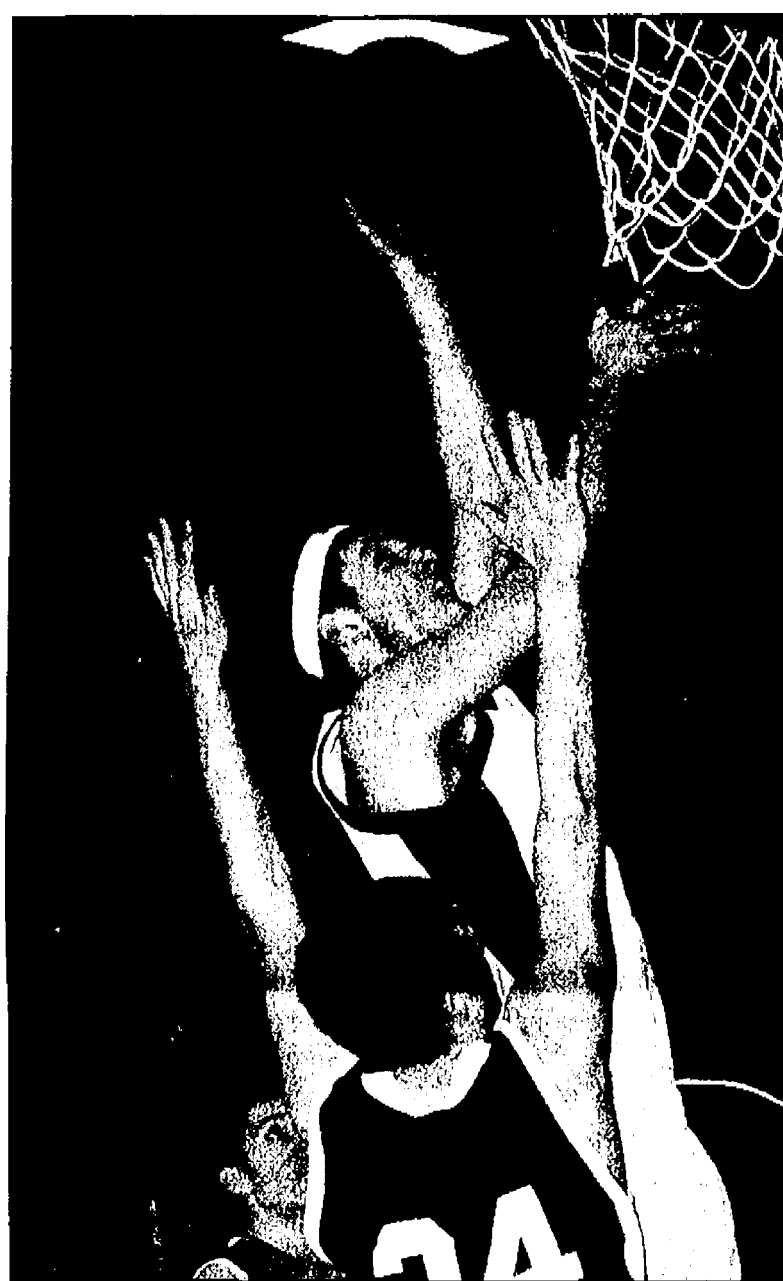
The Vikings, leading 16-13 with 4:39 left in the second quarter, went on a 10-3 run to finish the period. The series included inside shots by Enos and forward Jake Helsel, a put-back by Burrell, and free throws by forward Jensen Aubry and Enos. GHS led by 10, 26-16, at halftime.

The Blazers opened the second half with a 6-0 run, pulling within four, 26-22.

Grayling responded with an 11-0 run, a series started with a three-pointer by guard Riley Zigila. Tobin, fouled on a three-point attempt, hit all three foul shots. Tobin hit a three-pointer at the 4:23 mark. Two free throws by Tobin put the Vikings up by 15, 37-22.

Grayling outscored Kalkaska 8-2 in the third quarter's final 2:40. The series included two inside shots by Dean, two free throws by Enos, and a jumper by Tobin.

The Vikings scored 20



Griffin Dean takes an inside shot for Grayling vs. Kalkaska on Tuesday.

points in the fourth quarter to Kalkaska's 13. Grayling scored on a three-pointer by guard Scott Parkinson, an inside shot by Enos, a three-point play by Enos, an inside shot and a jumper by forward Ryan Teeple, and free throws by Tobin, Parkinson, and Enos.

Enos finished with 19 points for the Vikings. Tobin scored 14 points. Dean finished with nine points. Burrell had five points. Parkinson had five points. Teeple scored four points.

Aubry had four points.

"On a positive note, our team made 24 of 30 free throws in the game. Defensively we did some nice things in our man-to-man defense," Coach Rich Moffit said.

Tuesday's victory improved Grayling's overall record to 8-0. On Friday night, the team's undefeated streak came to an end with a 60-56 loss in a league game at Traverse City St. Francis.

The Vikings shot only 35 percent from the floor and 57 percent from the free-throw line. The squad's 22 turnovers also had an

Lake Michigan Conference

Boys Basketball

Charlevoix	5-0
GRAYLING	4-1
Harbor Springs	3-2
Elk Rapids	2-2
St. Francis	2-2
East Jordan	1-4
Boyer City	1-4
Kalkaska	0-4

Last week's scores

Grayling 65, Kalkaska 39
St. Francis 60, Grayling 56
Elk Rapids 68, Boyer City 53
Charlevoix 53, Elk Rapids 47
Harbor Springs 67, Kalkaska 58
Charlevoix 54, East Jordan 46

impact.

"We knew going into this game that it was going to be a war. We did some positive things in our half-court man-to-man defense. Our press had some bright moments in the last two minutes of the game," Coach Moffit said. "Our inside players played pretty solid throughout the game. Griffin Dean, Jake Helsel, and Jensen Aubry were all solid."

Dean had 12 points and 12 rebounds for GHS. Enos had 12 points, five assists, and four steals. Helsel had seven points.

Grayling (8-1 overall, 4-1 league) will host Charlevoix – a team currently in sole possession of first place in the Lake Michigan Conference with a 5-0 league record – on Friday, Jan. 28.

"In order to compete in big games we need to focus on competing every minute. Teams that compete all of the time, not just when they are down, are teams that are successful," Coach Moffit said.

Girls finish 2nd at Bellaire Invitational ski meet

The GHS girls ski team finished second out of five schools during last Friday's Bellaire Invitational at Schuss Mountain. Grayling's boys team took fifth out of seven teams at the event.

Benzie Central won the girls' competition with 49 points. Grayling placed second with 63 points. Harrison had 77 points and finished third.

Grayling won the giant slalom (GS) event and took second in slalom.

Ciara Summers finished 4th in GS and 7th in slalom. Katie Lange was 5th in slalom and 6th in GS. Peggy Currison took 7th in GS. Emily Wingard was 10th in slalom and 9th in GS. Rachel Jensen finished 15th in slalom. Elle Smith

placed 15th and 20th.

Mt. Pleasant won the boys competition with 80 points. Grayling, with 131 points, took fifth.

The Vikings were fourth in slalom and fifth in GS.

Roger Heggie took 7th in slalom and 11th in GS. Curtis Wilson finished 10th in slalom and 12th in GS. Jordan Bulmer was 22nd in both events.

"Boys skied very well today. They have improved a lot over the past two weeks," Coach Tim Gariglio said. "The girls were edged out by Benzie. We dug ourselves too deep of a hole in slalom and couldn't beat them by enough in GS to win the meet. Benzie skied a fine race today and deserved the win."

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Racers begin the Cote Dame Marie's 30k men's Michigan Cup race on Saturday morning.

Cote Dame Marie event grows in 2nd year despite conditions

Approximately 150 skiers competed in Saturday's Cote Dame Marie Ski Loppet, a series of cross country ski races held at Hanson Hills Recreation Area, battling frigid temperatures and a course that was slow at first due to a fresh batch of snow.

The Cote Dame Marie Ski Loppet, in its second year in 2011, increased its participation numbers from last year's inaugural event; however, the event's numbers didn't grow as much as race organizers hoped.

Justin Andre, Director of Operations for Grayling Recreation Authority, the governing body for Hanson Hills, said the extremely low temperatures likely cost the event dozens of participants, especially in the Cote Dame Marie's junior and citizen races.

"I think we got deterred because of the temperatures," Andre said. "It was a

cold race, pretty brutal for all the skiers with the single digit temperatures."

Andre said the course was slow for the first lap of the men's 30k event due to recent snowfall, but the track got faster as the racers put traffic on it.

Race organizers were hoping for approximately 200 participants this year, with the goal of eventually elevating the Cote Dame Marie to a regional event like the White Pine Stampede. Andre said organizers would like the Cote Dame Marie to grow into an event comparable to Grayling's AuSable River Canoe Marathon, a 120-mile canoe race held in July that features close to 200 participants and thousands of spectators.

Even though participation numbers fell a little short of the goal, Andre said the 2011 Cote Dame Marie

"was a success," especially when factoring in the frigid temperatures on race day and the mild conditions earlier in the winter that left Hanson Hills' cross country ski trails with very little snow.

"We're looking forward to doing this again next year," Andre said.

Milan Baic (1:30:03.9) of Williamsburg won the 30k Michigan Cup men's race during Saturday's 2011 Cote Dame Marie Ski Loppet. Amy Powell of Lake Ann won the women's 15k Michigan Cup race with a time of 54:23.9.

Josh Sheldon of Grand Ledge won the 15k citizens' skate race's men's division (58:41.8). Erika Van Engen of Mattawan won the women's division (1:40:06.8).

George Gambert of Bellaire won the 15k men's classic citizen race

(1:29:47.2). Linda McNally of Midland won the women's division with a time of 1:32:31.9.

CJ Karas of Grayling finished first in the female division of the junior race (ages 17 and under) with a time of 48:39.0. Ian Durand of Interlochen won the male division (35:53.0).

Complete results for the Cote Dame Marie Ski Loppet's Michigan Cup, citizen, and junior races are available on the Internet at: www.graylingnordic.com.

Bowling Leagues

Recreation League

Snap Fitness 18 - 6
Woody Girls 13 - 11
American Legion 12 - 12
Robin Smith CPA 12 - 12
Days Inn 11 - 13
Dance till you drop 11 - 13
Glen's 10 - 14
Grayling Nurs. 9 - 15
High Series: T. Harney, 488; M. Ginter, 475; P. Petrosky, 452.
High Game: M. Ginter, 177; T. Harney, 174; P. D'Amour, 169.

American Men's League

Man Cave 29 - 13
Thayer's Crew 28 - 14
IMM 28 - 14
Fenton's Auto 26 - 16
Joels Team 25 - 17
Moore's Auto 18 - 24
McLean's Ace 14 - 28
High Series: T. Hulbert, 642; L. Davis, 611; F. Periard, 578.
High Game: T. Kotrash, 247; T. McDonald, 223; L. Ostrowski, 213.

Senior League

Dana Transport 58 - 22
Gaylord Electric 48 - 32
Spike's 43.5 - 36.5
Legion Lanes 43 - 37
Flowers By Josie 42 - 38
Sylvester's 33 - 47
Lone Pine 28 - 52
Bear's Den 26.5 - 53.5
High Series Women: M. Rysso, 500; C. Clark, 460; H. Stairs, 427.
High Game Women: M. Rysso, 200; D. Hollis, 167; D. Doremire, 159.
High Series Men: J. Campbell, 551; L. Crampton, 523; P. Faustman, 498.
High Game Men: J. Campbell, 218; L. Crampton, 200; O. Brantley, 188.

Pioneer League

Triple X Club 15 - 5
Legion 12 - 8

Tim's Collision 12 - 8
Coldwell Banker 11 - 9
Ole Dam 10 - 10
5 B's 10 - 10
T.C. Lawncare 9 - 11
High Series: S. Johnson, 503; L. Golinick, 493; C. Clark, 471.
High Game: R. Christman, 203; K. Kroell, 195; L. Golinick, 194.

Friday Mixed Doubles

Dodi's Karaoke 17 - 11
Northern Lawn 14 - 14
American Legion 14 - 14
Don Nester 14 - 14

Moshier Auto

L & L Hauling 14 - 14
Double Trouble 13 - 15
Rye Collision 12 - 16

High Series Women: S. Johnson, 493; P. Younglove, 475; K. Moshier, 461.
High Game Women: P. Younglove, 197; S. Johnson, 183; T. Benardo, 168.
High Series Men: J. Lehman, 687; G. Mastroeni, 626; D. Rye, 579.
High Game Men: J. Lehman, 244; G. Mastroeni, 220; D. Rye, 198.

Thursday Morning Coffee

Thanks "A Latte" 11 - 5
Ladybugs 10 - 6
Bowling Buds 10 - 6
Snow Tops 8 - 8
Bill's Harem 7 - 9
Fearless 2 - 14

High Series Women: P. Younglove, 593; J. Leask, 451; R. Brown, 428.
High Game Women: P. Younglove, 224; J. Leask, 176; A. Stanley, 160.
High Series Men: P. Faustman, 560; J. Campbell, 527; H. Blake, 526.
High Game Men: B. Hollis, 199; J. Campbell, 198; P. Faustman, 192.

Sunday Mixed Doubles

Legion 27 - 8
Spikes 26 - 9
Heads Up North 21 - 14

AJD 18 - 17

Fearsome Four 15 - 20
Tabiti Tans 13 - 22

Gray Rock 11 - 24
Bloomquist 9 - 26

High Series Men: T. McDonald, 557; L. Ostrowski, 550; R. Swope, 538.
High Series Women: M. Bond, 477; L. Mead, 466; S. Mead, 432.
High Game Women: M. Bond, 193; S. Mead, 183; L. Mead, 175.
High Game Men: T. McDonald, 220; R. Swope, 202; L. Ostrowski, 201.

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27 skiers compete in Cote Dame Marie's kids' race

The Cote Dame Marie Ski Loppet, an annual series of cross country ski races, kicked off its second year in existence with a kids' race on Friday night at the Cross Country Ski Shop. Twenty-seven young skiers – some local, some from out of town – competed in Friday's race, an event that featured three different divisions.

The kids' race was sponsored by the Grayling Rotary Club and was free of charge for racers to participate.

"We had 27 kids race this year. About 16 were local students and the rest were from out of town; three came from as far away as the Detroit area," said Samara Sabin, race coordinator. "Each year we are seeing more and more young cross country skiers, so we wanted to develop something that would allow them to use their skills at a fun and competitive level. We plan on keeping this race free to all participants every year in hopes that we can continue creating young

cross country skiers."

The skiers competed in three separate divisions: classic style 1k (C1), classic style 2k (C2), and freestyle 3k (FS).

Results, by division, are as follows:

C1 Class – Zack Osga, 0:06:51; Anna Fisher, 0:07:07; Griffin Schwab, 0:07:51; Anthony Fisher, 0:08:59; Ellie Wagner, 0:09:57; Adam Smith, 0:12:51; Demorio Brody-Harris, 0:13:15; Drew Kanary, 0:13:29; Logan Podjaske, 0:13:30;

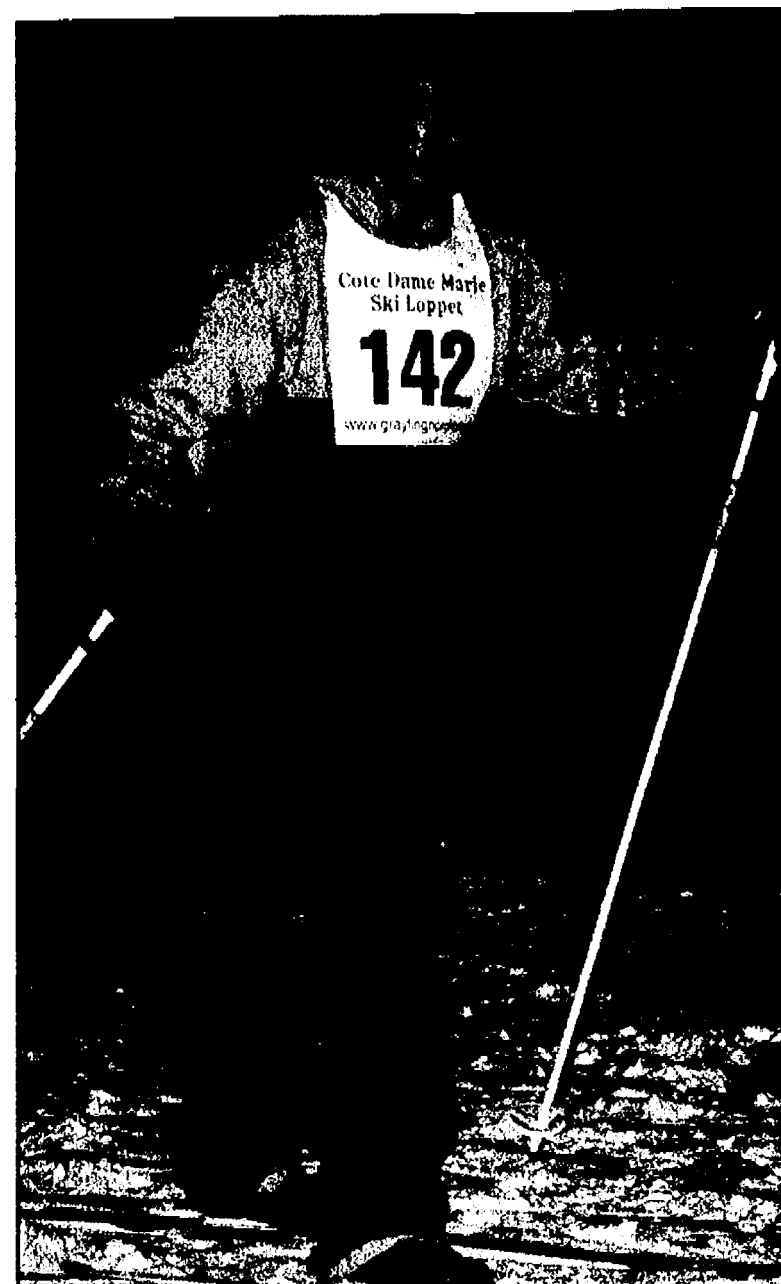
C2 Class – Sally Metiva, 0:15:54; Hannah Smock, 0:16:11; Mike Metiva, 0:16:15; Justin Youngblood, 0:17:53; Jen Sheehan, 0:18:15; Luke Sheehan, 0:20:38; Thomas Bolick, 0:22:35; Kara Sheehan, 0:25:49;

FS Class – Ian Durand, 0:10:53; Garrett Gabalis, 0:12:06; Charlie Millard, 0:12:56; Heidi Schwab, 0:13:12; Fred Fisher, 0:13:33; Ryan Durand, 0:14:14; William Haig, 0:15:20; Gage Gabalis,



Hannah Smock competes in the classic style 2k kids' race on Friday night.

0:15:37; Emma Schwab, 0:15:38; Grant Gabalis, 0:19:06. Ages of the competitors ranged from five to 15.



Luke Sheehan skis in the Cote Dame Marie's 2k kids' race on Friday.

Legal Action

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Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2002-1 by an Assignment of Mortgage which has been submitted to the Crawford County Register of Deeds, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Three and 77/100 (\$52,583.77) including interest at the rate of 7.99000% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the Circuit Court in said Crawford County, where the premises to be sold or some part of them are situated, at 10:00 AM on March 2, 2011 Said premises are situated in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 5, Block 10, Hadley's Amended Addition to the Village (now city) of Grayling, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 08, Crawford County Records Commonly known as: 700 East Michigan Avenue The redemption period shall be 6.00 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. Dated: January 27, 2011 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Deutsche Bank National Trust Company f/k/a Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A., as Trustee for Aames Mortgage Trust 2002-1 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2002-1 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302 248-335-9200 ASAP# 3889583 01/27/2011, 02/03/2011, 02/10/2011, 02/17/2011

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THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Keith R. Mohr, a married man and Brenda R. Mohr, his wife, also known as Brenda Lee Mohr, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 20, 2009 and recorded July 27, 2009 in Liber 696, Page 882, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Chase Home Finance LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy Thousand Three Hundred Forty-One and 87/100 Dollars (\$70,341.87) including interest at 5.75% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRU-

ARY 9, 2011. Said premises are located in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner of Lot 7, Madsen's Addition to the Village (now city) of Grayling, according to the recorded Plat thereof; thence West 117 feet; thence North 194 feet; thence East 117 feet; thence South 194 feet to the Place of Beginning. Being a part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, City of Grayling. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: January 6, 2011 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 682.0022 ASAP# 3863518 01/06/2011, 01/13/2011, 01/20/2011, 01/27/2011

NOTICE

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limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: January 6, 2011 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 310.9928 ASAP# FNMA3870237 01/06/2011, 01/13/2011, 01/20/2011, 01/27/2011

NOTICE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by William Krause and James W. Lertola, joint tenants, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 6, 2004 and recorded May 19, 2004 in Liber 668, Page 280, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Bank of America National Association as Successor by Merger to LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee under the Trust Agreement for the Structured Asset Investment Loan Trust Series 2004-BNC1 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-One Thousand Two Hundred Nine and 19/100 Dollars (\$51,209.19) including interest at 4.5% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 9, 2011. Said premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the center of Section 11, town 26 North, Range 3 West, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan; thence North 89 degrees 45 minutes East along the North and West 1/4 line, 191.60 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 2 degrees 23 minutes East, 453.5 feet; thence South 85 degrees 39 minutes East, 100 feet; thence South 2 degrees 23 minutes West, 445.2 feet; thence South 89 degrees 45 minutes West, 100.0 feet to the point of beginning. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: January 6, 2011 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI

48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 306.3628 ASAP# 3871213 01/06/2011, 01/13/2011, 01/20/2011, 01/27/2011

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Edward E. Goscecki II, a single man and Denise A. Ehlers, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Amerifirst Financial Corporation, Mortgagee, dated May 15, 2008, and recorded on May 19, 2008 in Liber 691 on Page 684, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Eight and 16/100 Dollars (\$67,598.16), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on February 16, 2011. Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Beginning at the Southeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 26, Town 28 North, Range 4 West; thence North along the 1/8 line 350 feet for a Place of Beginning; thence North 200 feet along the 1/8 line; thence West parallel to the Section line to the East right of way line of US-27; thence Southerly along the East right of way line to a point that is due West of the Place of Beginning; thence East parallel to the Section line to the Place of Beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: January 13, 2011 For more information, please call: FC S (248) 593-1304 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #353976F01

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Legal Action

MORTGAGE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in the following Mortgages given to the United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture:

1. Mortgage given by Michael Barr and Pamela Barr, husband and wife, dated December 27, 1993 and recorded on December 27, 1993 in Liber 370 on pages 537 to 540 of the Crawford County Records; said Mortgage was subsequently assumed by Denise K. Ward; and

2. Mortgage given by Denise K. Ward, dated March 9, 1998 and recorded on March 13, 1998 in Liber 449 on pages 34 to 39 of the Crawford County Records (collectively referred to as the "Mortgages").

No proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt secured by the Mortgages which is now Seventy-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Eight and 21/100 (\$77,698.21) Dollars.

The Mortgages will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on February 2, 2011 at 10:00 a.m., local time, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan which is the location of the Crawford County Circuit Court. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgages, including interest at the rate of 5.625% per year, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan and is more specifically described in the Mortgages as:

Lots 25, 26 and 27, Block 1, of KAREN WOODS SUBDIVISION, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 44, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period will expire six (6) months from the date of the sale unless the property is deemed to be abandoned pursuant to MCL §600.3241a in which case the redemption period will expire thirty (30) days from the date of the sale or until the time to provide the notice required by MCL §600.3241a(c) expires, whichever is later.

Dated: December 30, 2010
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
ACTING THROUGH THE
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
AGENCY, F/K/A THE RURAL
HOUSING SERVICE, OF THE
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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MORTGAGE SALE

SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by MATTHEW K. CUMMINS and DARLENE M.

CUMMINS, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to THE NORTHERN OHIO INVESTMENT COMPANY, Mortgagee, dated June 8, 2005, and recorded on June 10, 2005, in Liber 675, on Page 890, and modified, recorded August 4, 2010, in Liber 701, on Page 249, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty-One Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars and Four Cents (\$161,648.04), including interest at 2.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on February 9, 2011

Said premises are located in Crawford County, Michigan and are described as: PARCEL 3 - B: PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 28, TOWN 27 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST. BEGINNING AT A POINT LOCATED DISTANT NORTH 89 DEGREES 30 MINUTES WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 28 A DISTANCE OF 647.68 FEET AND NORTH 00 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 330.00 FEET FROM THE SOUTH 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 28, THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 30 MINUTES WEST, 330.00 FEET, THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 528.00 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 30 MINUTES EAST 330.00 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST 528.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT OF A 33.0 FOOT EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS AND PUBLIC UTILITIES OVER THE EASTERLY SIDE THEREOF.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

THE NORTHERN OHIO INVESTMENT COMPANY Mortgagee/Assignee

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.
23938 Research Drive, Suite 300
Farmington Hills, MI 48335

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600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: January 6, 2011 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 200.7366 ASAP# 3869445 01/06/2011, 01/13/2011, 01/20/2011, 01/27/2011 -6-13-20-27

600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: January 6, 2011 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 200.7366 ASAP# 3869445 01/06/2011, 01/13/2011, 01/20/2011, 01/27/2011 -6-13-20-27

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Joyce Jane Parish and Ralph Parish wife and husband, original mortgagor(s), to JPMorgan Chase Bank, NA, Mortgagee, dated January 4, 2006, and recorded on January 11, 2006 in Liber 679 on Page 402, in Crawford County records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-One Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Seven and 61/100 Dollars (\$81,497.61), including interest at 6.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on February 9, 2011. Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The North 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 14, Town 26 North, Range 3 West; also the South 25 feet of the West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 14, Town 26 North Range 3 West. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 6, 2011
For more information, please call:
FC S (248) 593-1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway,
Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334.

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SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING & ANNUAL MEETING FOR GENERAL AND SPECIAL FUNDS

The South Branch Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed Township Budget for fiscal year 2011-2012 at South Branch Township Hall, 5245 N. M-18, Roscommon, MI 48653 on February 8th, 2011 in conjunction with the regular board meeting. Final adoption of the 2011-2012 budget will take place during the annual meeting, scheduled to follow the regular meeting of March 8th, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of the hearing.

A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the South Branch Township Hall.

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended, MCL 41.72a(2)(3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act. The South Branch Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individual with disabilities at the meeting upon notice to the Township Board. Individuals with disabilities should contact the Board by writing or calling Lynn George Clerk, South Branch Township Hall, P.O. Box 606, Roscommon, MI 48653. (989) 275-8232.

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on February 16, 2011

Said premises are located in Crawford County, Michigan and are described as: LOT 17, MEADOWBROOK MANOR, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 2 OF PLATS, PAGE 60, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS, TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, COUNTY OF CRAWFORD AND STATE OF MICHIGAN.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Mortgagee/Assignee

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.
23938 Research Drive, Suite 300
Farmington Hills, MI 48335

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by RICHARD A. COOK and TAMARA J. COOK, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, Mortgagee, dated September 23, 1988, and recorded on September 23, 1988, in Liber 286, on Page 533, Crawford

County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Nine Thousand One Hundred Seventeen Dollars and Thirty-Five Cents (\$89,117.35), including interest at 9.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on February 16, 2011

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeffery N. Nelson, Sr. and Lawanna A. Nelson, original mortgagor(s), to

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated May 11, 2007, and recorded on May 22, 2007 in Liber 687 on Page 2, and assigned by said Mortgagee to CitiMortgage, Inc. as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Seven and 61/100 Dollars (\$156,877.61), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on February 9, 2011. Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 3: Being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 28, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Section 28 and running thence North 797.3 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 89 degrees 18 minutes West, 711.51 feet, thence North 0 degrees 03 minutes East, 178.0 feet, thence South 89 degrees 18 minutes East, 711.35 feet, thence South 178.0 feet to the point of beginning, except all gas, oil and mineral rights and subject to the rights of the public and of any Governmental Unit in any part thereof taken, used of deed for street, road or highway purposes and the County Road right of way over the Easterly 33 feet of subject property as shown on certificate survey recorded in Liber 139, Pages 2, 3 and 4, Crawford County Records. Subject to easements, reservations, restrictions, leases and assessments of record.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: January 6, 2011 For more information, please call: FC C (248) 593-1301 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #352304F01 -6-13-20-27

PUBLIC NOTICE CRAWFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY PROPOSED STATE AND FEDERAL SECTION 5311 APPLICATION FOR OPERATING AND CAPITAL ASSISTANCE

All citizens are advised that the Crawford County Transportation Authority (CCTA) has prepared an application for State of Michigan financial assistance for fiscal year 2012, as required under Act 51 of the Public Acts of 1951, as amended, and for federal Section 5311 assistance as required under the Federal Transit Act, as amended.

CCTA is requesting Five Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand and Four Hundred Dollars (\$553,400.00) in state operating assistance for general public transit services; Two Hundred Thirty-Eight Thousand, Five Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars (\$238,535.00) in Federal Section 5311 operating assistance; and in excess of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000) for replacement vans, equipment and other undertakings eligible for capital project support.

The Crawford County Transportation Authority ensures that the level and quality of transportation service is provided without regard to race, color or national origin in accordance with the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. For more information regarding our Title VI obligations or to file a complaint, please contact us at the address given below.

The proposed application is on file at the CCTA administrative offices. Interested parties may schedule an appointment to review the application by telephoning 989-348-8215.

Written comments regarding the application and/or written requests for a public hearing to review the application must be received by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 2, 2011. If a hearing is requested, notice of the scheduled date, time and location will be provided at least 10 days in advance.

Requests should be mailed to:

Crawford County Transportation Authority
4276 W. North Down River Road
Grayling, Michigan 49738

PUBLIC NOTICE

Avalanche "Legal Action" pages for Crawford County are now available on-line at crawfordcountyavalanche.com

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A Look At Our Past FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



January 29, 1965 - The Grayling Queen and her court enjoying wintertime fun. Shown here (from left to right) Lauri Olson, Miss Grayling and her court; Cheryl Smock, Pamela Gibson, Martel Bobenmoyer and Karon Mauren. All are from Grayling High School.

23 Years Ago January 28, 1988

The medallion hunt for about \$850 in cash and prizes will continue until Thursday, Feb. 4. As of Tuesday, Jan. 26, at noon the \$500 medallion still had not been found and only two of the dozen smaller medallions had been turned into the Avalanche. Scott Wyskiel found a small medallion on the eternal flame in front of the courthouse and Scott Wakeley found a small

medallion on the bridge over the AuSable River on County Rd. 612 just west of Frederic.

For 61 years Francis Harrington of Grayling, didn't know if two of his younger sisters and brothers were still alive. A couple of weeks ago, he heard from his sister, Leona Griffith from California for the first time since their family was split up 61 years ago in Michigan. Harrington received a letter from Leona through the Department of Social

Services letter-forwarding service.

The Grayling volleyball team rolled over Onaway 15-1, 15-5 and 15-9 last Wednesday and took fourth place at the Gaylord Invitational Saturday. Against Onaway, Sheryl Klinger led in serving with 11 good serves and Cheryl Barber had 8. Carrie Trudgeon, Heather Derenzy and Patty Tremblay led the defense and Sue Caster led the team in spikes with 6.

The Grayling merchants took third prize at the Houghton Lake Tip-Up - Town Parade with their Disney sports float.

46 Years Ago January 28, 1965

The Grayling High School girls ski team proudly took a first place finish Jan. 13, when they raced against Charlevoix and Petoskey High Schools at Walloon Hills Ski Area. Jody Wyman led the girls with first place finishes in both the slalom and giant slalom runs.

With a pair of victories, the Grayling Vikings basketball team moved back into second place tie in the Northern Class C Conference. Here, Tuesday night, Grayling took a 22 to 13 lead in the first period and led 37 to 27 at halftime. East Jordan outscored Grayling in the third, but Grayling battled back with

19 to 12 in the fourth quarter to win it.

69 Years Ago January 29, 1942

The Gamble Store has a pretty winter sports window. It's a replica of the park and very clever. Miss Thelma Hubbell of Hubbells' Hobby Shop is the artist.

Paul Hendrickson, who has been employed in Saginaw, is back at his former job as bookkeeper at Hunter's Dairy.

Grayling's green and white basketball team stretched its string of victories to three. The last two wins were over conference teams, Mancelona and Boyne City.

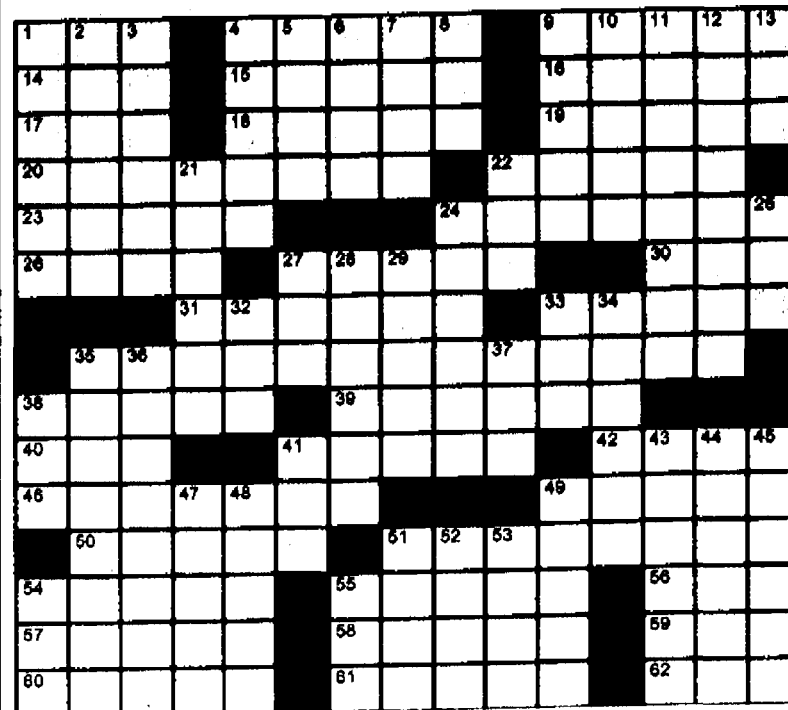
Queen Thelma Papendick and her court, Joyce Bugby, Jane Ann Martin, Jean Stevenson and Monica Brady, accompanied by Mrs. Stanley Stealy, left for Detroit on the midnight train. Together the young ladies will attend the hockey game between the Chicago Black Hawks and the Detroit Red Wings at Olympia and they will be presented to the crowd there.

92 Years Ago January 30, 1919

Harry Pond brought in a big sprig of pussy willows all budded out.

The Feldhauser boys are lumbering for T.E. Douglas and have a crew of 18 men.

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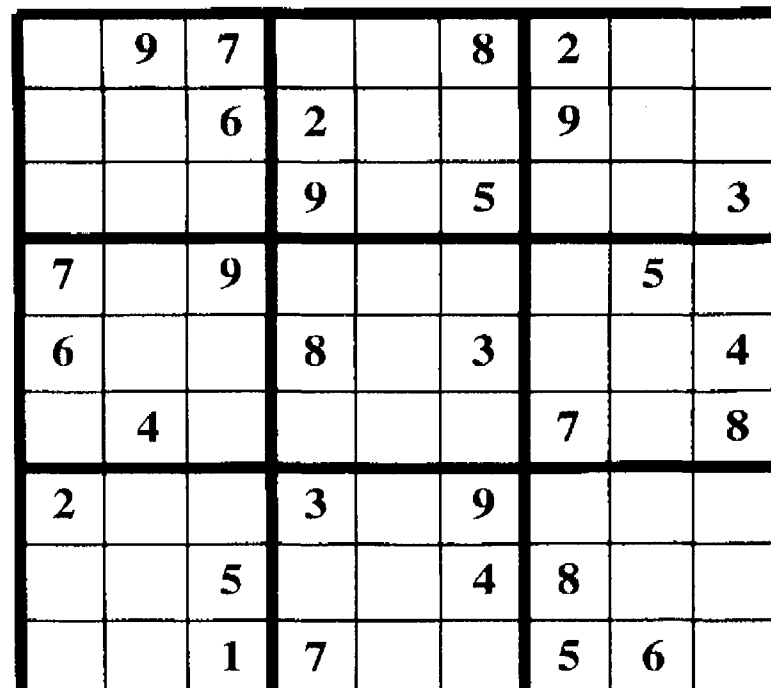
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49. Astronaut Franklin ____ Diaz
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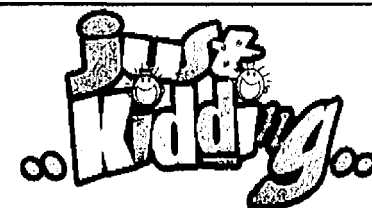
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18. Organization for protection
19. "____ Little"
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33. Ron Howard film
35. "Once ____ a time..."
36. Women in habits
37. "Can't Help Lovin' ____ Man"
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RULES: Fill all empty squares so that the numbers 1 to 9 appear once in each row, column and 3x3 box.



(PUZZLE #6 Easy, Difficulty Rating 0.33)
ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS



HOROSCOPES

January 27, 2011

Capricorn
December 22 - January 19
Get with it, Capricorn. Life is passing you by. A long-lost friend returns with a bang. A small gift makes the weekend worthwhile.

Aries
March 21 - April 19
A relative's tirades make things happen. Take a page from their book, Aries, and use it at work. A young friend's shenanigans get them into trouble.

Cancer
June 22 - July 22
Chop-chop, Cancer. The chore cannot wait any longer. The smallest of favors results in the biggest of returns. Passion sizzles at home and gifts are exchanged.

Libra
September 23 - October 22
At odds with someone? Never fear, Libra. Peace is at hand. Give and take makes things easier at home and gets the to-do list done quickly.

Aquarius
January 20 - February 18
A romantic endeavor gets off to a great start. Good planning, Aquarius. Family matters take precedence over work. Your fitness routine could use some work.

Taurus
April 20 - May 20
Shh, Taurus. Don't you hear it? An organization is calling your name. Answer their call. The maze of paperwork pertaining to a family matter finally ends.

Leo
July 23 - August 22
Drrat, Leo. Auto issues resurface. Time to call in the pros. A change in travel plans brings bigger and better adventures. Prepare to have an awesome time.

Scorpio
October 23 - November 21
A health concern eases for a friend with new treatment options. Give thanks, Scorpio. A shopping spree brings much more than you had hoped for.

Pisces
February 19 - March 20
No news is good news on the family front. Revel in the new found peace, Pisces. It won't last long. A token from your past returns, thanks to that special someone.

Gemini
May 21 - June 21
Oh, yes, Gemini. You are being watched and your actions will be duly noted. A financial glitch causes some headache but no serious damage.

Virgo
August 23 - September 22
Guests are coming. Pull out all of the stops to make them feel welcome, Virgo, and they will soon do the same for you. A kiss means so much more.


Sagittarius
November 22 - December 21
Step aside, Sagittarius. You have a lot of tricks up your sleeve, but none that will work this time. It's time to let a friend in on the deal; they have the magic to make it happen.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

"Dog Days Of Summer" Extended Hours:
Tuesday thru Sunday - 10am to 3pm • Monday 10am to 5pm

ADOPT A PET

WE'RE OVERLOADED! The animal shelter is currently very full of animals in need of loving homes, just like yours. Help these very adoptable pets find homes, adopt today! Visit our website for more information.




Stumpy

Stumpy is a wonderful gem of a dog. He is a Jack Russell Terrier mix with loads of personality and talent! He is good with other dogs and knows some great tricks! Happy little Stumpy is about 6 years old, neutered, vaccinated and micro chipped so all he needs now is a home with a family to love him!

Visit us at: www.ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org

AuSable Valley Animal Shelter
5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling
Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117
For more pets or more information, visit our website www.ascc.petfinder.com

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



15 MINUTE VANILLA RICE PUDDING

Ingredients:

3 cups milk, divided

1/3 cup raisins (optional)

1 cup instant white rice, uncooked

1 pkg. (4-serving size) Vanilla Flavor Instant Pudding

Directions:

BRING 1 cup of the milk to boil in medium saucepan. Stir in rice and raisins; cover. Remove from heat. Let stand 5 minutes.

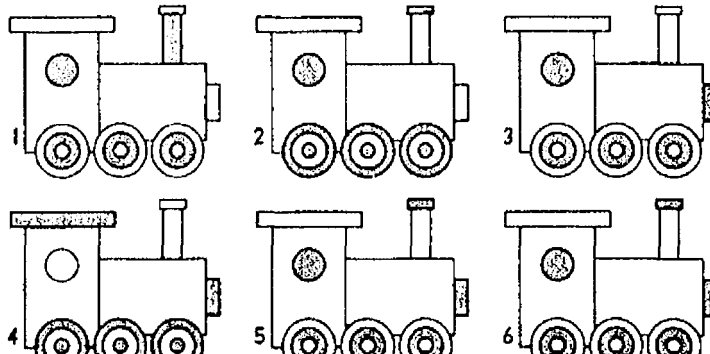
MEANWHILE, prepare pudding as directed on package with remaining 2 cups milk.

ADD rice mixture to prepared pudding; stir. Cover surface of pudding with plastic wrap; cool 5 minutes. Stir. Serve warm or chilled.

Prep Time: 5 min
Total Time: 15 min
Makes 4 servings

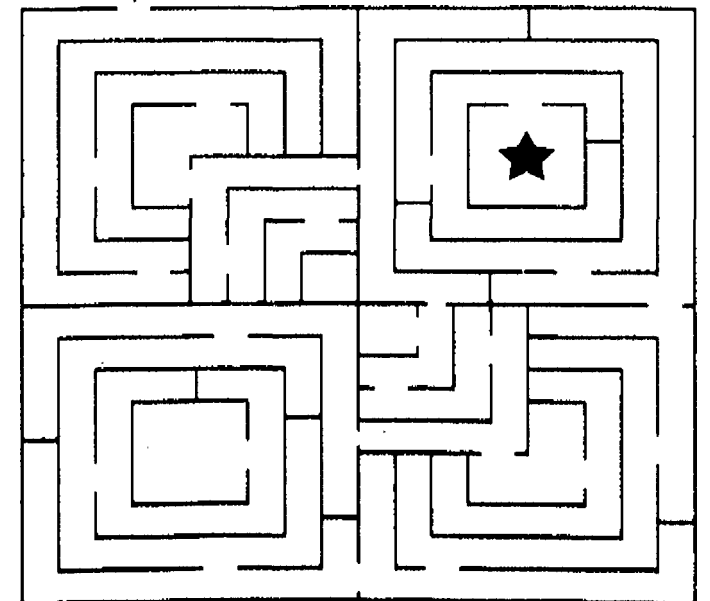
FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



MAZE

Start Here ↓ Find the star.



WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week

Date	H	L	Rain Inches
1/17	25	11	0.29
1/18	25	8	0.01
1/19	16	-1	0
1/20	20	7	0.06
1/21	11	4	0.07
1/22	12	-27	0.02
1/23	9	-27	0

Extended Forecast
(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
High 21 Low 19	High 32 Low 19	High 25 Low 8	High 17 Low 6	High 13 Low 7	High 15 Low 11
Partly Cloudy	Few Snow	Few Snow	Few Snow	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy

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10¢ per each additional word, includes
internet listings: www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com
Classified by the word deadline: Noon Tuesday

1. Real Estate

HOUSE FOR SALE 2-3 bedrooms, 2 full baths. 586-446-0004, 586-713-7500. (-2/8/10/tf/1)

FRAMED-IN 3 BEDROOM 1 bath chalet with well and septic ready for you to finish. Located in Lakes of the North, a planned community with numerous amenities just 15 minutes from Gaylord in the heart of snowmobile country. \$49,900. Call Chris at 989-348-2495 (11/4/10/tf/1)

NEWLY CONSTRUCTED 3 bedroom, 1 bath home with large attached one car garage and all ready for you to move in. Located in Lakes of the North, a planned community with numerous amenities just 15 minutes from Gaylord in the heart of snowmobile country. \$89,900. Call Chris at 989-348-2495 (11/4/10/tf/1)

2. For Rent

LARGE 2 BEDROOM APARTMENT in Grayling. Laundry facility, large yard, plenty of storage. Nice and clean, must see. \$430 a month plus utilities and deposit. 989-390-7315. (-27-3/2)

3 BEDROOM HOUSE close to Higgins Lake, \$575 month. Well insulated, no pets. 989-821-6225. (-1/13/11/tf/2)

DUPLEX FOR RENT with move-in special - \$300 first month rent, \$600 security deposit, \$585 month thereafter with good references. No Pets. Utilities not included. 989-348-2621. (-1/13/2011/tf/2)

SMALL 2 BEDROOM HOME in downtown Grayling at 903 Ottawa Street. Inside all remodeled in last three years. \$500/month which includes water. 586-899-4405. (-27/2)

2 BEDROOM 1 BATH full basement, finished attic room, new remodel, new appliances and carpet. 1 block from Mercy Hospital. \$575 a month. No pets, no smoking. 989-370-3509. (-27-3/2)

1 BEDROOM APARTMENT in downtown Grayling, \$425 per month, plus utilities, security deposit and references, 989-619-9689. (-27/2)

RIVERVIEW SENIOR APTS. 306 Knight in Grayling has one bedroom units available. Persons must be 62 years of age or older or disable of any age. Barrier free units in building. Rent based on income with rent subsidy available. Community room and laundry area for residents use. Applications at office on site or by calling 1-800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 442 W. Baldwin, Alpena, MI 49707 Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD#1-800-855-1155. (-20-27/2)

1. Real Estate

Established Curves for Sale Grayling

Top Fitness Franchise
Turn-Key Opportunity
Low Investment
586-530-4069
www.buycurves.com

2. For Rent

SENIOR APARTMENTS AVAILABLE at The Brook Retirement Communities. Offering Independent and Assisted Living. Lots of amenities, activities, beautiful surroundings and affordable living. Communities located in: Houghton Lake (989) 422-7200 Roscommon (989) 275-4000, West Branch (989) 343-1400, Gladwin (989) 426-8700. Call or stop by today for a personalized tour. (5/10/2007/tf/2)

NICE CLEAN TWO BEDROOM mobile with garage, washer/dryer and appliances. \$425 month plus deposit. No pets. 348-2418. (-6-13-20-27/2)

RIVER FOREST FAMILY APARTMENTS Hannah & Ballenger Street in Roscommon has 1 and 2 bedroom upstairs apartments and 3 and 4 bedroom townhouse units available. Rent based on income with rent subsidy available. Community room, laundry and play areas on site. Applications at office or call 275-4061 or 1-800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 442 W. Baldwin, Alpena, MI. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD #1-800-855-1155. (-20-27/2)

ARBOR COURT in Grayling is accepting applications for 1 & 2 bdr. Rent is based on 30% of the adjusted gross income. For more information call Pam at 989-732-6237 or pick up application at 400 Madsen Street. Barrier Free Units available. This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer. TDD 1-800-649-3777. (-8/12/10/tf/2)

1. Real Estate

USDA REAL ESTATE FORECLOSURE SALE

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE
200 WEST MICHIGAN AVENUE.
GRAYLING, MI 49738-1746

Minimum Bid: \$17,500.00
(or best offer above minimum bid)

OFFER MUST BE IN FORM

OF CERTIFIED CHECK THE DAY OF THE SALE

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.

3BR, 1BA, 1 Story, w/full basement, 1 car attached garage.

DATE & TIME OF SALE:

02/16/11 at 10:00 AM

ADDRESS OF PROPERTY

193 South Roberts Road,
Grayling, MI 49738

FOR INFO CONTACT:

800-349-5097 x4500

Or

USDA Rural Development
1501 Cass St., Suite A,
Traverse City, MI 49684

For future foreclosure sales and inventory property access
our website: www.resales.usda.gov



2. For Rent

WHISPERING PINES APARTMENTS

Whispering Pines Apartments is currently accepting applications for 1-and 2-bedroom apartments. We are accepting applications for Seniors 62 years of age and older and Handicap/Disabled persons, regardless of age. Income-based rent is available. Apartments feature walk-in closets, air conditioning and open living areas. Rent includes heat, domestic hot water and more. For more information, or to tour the property, please call (989)344-0020.

Equal Housing Opportunity.
TDD 1-800-649-3777

2. For Rent

Cobble Creek II Apartments

a family community located in Grayling, MI is currently accepting applications for 1 Bedroom, 2 Bedrooms Apartments. Units of barrier free design may also be available. Rent is based on income.

For affordable housing call
989-348-3150

This institution is an
Equal Opportunity Provider,
Equal Housing Opportunity.

TDD# (800) 649-3777

2. For Rent

SMALL 2 BEDROOM TRAILER near town, has utility room. Quiet road. \$400 month plus deposit, 989-390-3980. (-20-27-3/2)

3. Employment

START OFF the new year with a new career. Contact Liberty Truck Driving School 888-602-5966, www.libertytruckdrivingschool.com. (-30-6-13-20-27-3-10-17-24/3)

WE ARE LOOKING for ambitious, business-minded individuals to join our highly successful Team. Coldwell Banker Cornell is one of the leading real estate companies in the region. You will receive the support of our two office team of specialists. Our training program is the best in the industry. Please send resume or contact Mike at cornellrealty@gmail.com for an appointment. (-13-20-27-3/3)

INDOOR AIR QUALITY TECHNICIANS \$2,050 monthly. No experience necessary. Must be 18 years or older, neat in appearance, have own transportation. Call for personal interview between 10 - 4, 989-202-4100. (-20-27-3-10/3)

DANA TRANSPORT a nationwide tank carrier, is hiring company drivers and owner operators to work out of the Grayling, MI location. OVR 7-10 days, 2 year over the road experience required. 989-348-4373. (LR 3/31/11/3)

2. For Rent

Grayling Pines Apartments

Grayling Pines Apartments is currently accepting applications for 1-and 2-bedroom apartments. Income-based rent is available. Apartments feature walk-in closets, air conditioning and open living areas and private patios/balconies. Rent includes heat, domestic hot water and more. For more information, or to tour the property, please call (989)344-0020. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD 1-800-649-3777

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Seniors 62 and older will be moving in as you read this! Quiet, enjoyable, friendly and very affordable. All 1 bedroom apartments ground level. Rent based on income, what a great deal! Heat included, start thinking about the money you can save!

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TTY 1-800-649-3777

507 S. Orange St.

Kalkaska, MI 49646

Professionally managed by

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Equal Housing Opportunity

3. Employment

PART TIME

Seeking DuBois Rental Center Part-Time Employee. 10-20 hrs. per week. Knowledge of rental equipment preferred. Apply in person at:

DuBois Lumber Company
6593 West M-72
Grayling

3. Employment

JOB FAIR at Grayling Michigan Works on Thursday, 2/3/11, 9:30 a.m.- 3 p.m. Temporary positions for retailer in the Gaylord and Houghton Lake areas. Retail/Customer Service a plus. General labor experience, must have ability to lift 25-50 lbs., various shifts, pay range of \$7.50 - \$8.50/hr. Must be at least 18 years old, pass a criminal background check and drug test and dependable. (-27/3)

HELP WANTED HINTS When placing a Help Wanted Classified, remember to list the job title and duties involved, whether it is full or part time, the name of company or business, mailing address for resume, or street address for walk-in applications. Crawford County Avalanche, 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (989) 348-6811.

4. Services Offered

D. HAWES / Driver's Training: Northern Driving School will be offering classes year-round in Grayling and surrounding areas. The only local driving school in Crawford and Roscommon counties. Segment I \$275, Segment II \$40. 989-344-2470. (05/22/08/tf/4)

3. Employment

4. Services Offered

LIFE PROBLEMS getting you down? Call GRACE Center, 989-348-2544. (3/19/09/tf/4)

BUY HERE, PAY HERE bad credit, bankruptcy, repos, OK. Easy terms, low down payment. Most monthly payments under \$200. 24 month warranties available on all vehicles. Hundreds of vehicles and thousands of happy customers. Free gas. Call Rich 989-306-3656. (-9-16-23-30-6-13-20-27/4)

COMPUTER PROBLEMS? Let me help! M.T. Computer Repair. 989-348-5712, 989-745-5679. (-27-3/4)

APPLIANCE REPAIR For the best service on all major brand appliances call Hometown Heating and Cooling, Grayling at 989-348-4252. (-09/17/09/tf/4)

PERFECT PITCH PIANO TUNING Prompt, quality service. Serving all of northern Michigan. tgulick@perfectpitchtuning.com. Tom Gulick 888-370-2336. (-4/10/10/tf/4)

GAMBLING PROBLEMS? Call Grace Center for help, 989-348-2544. (-6/10/10/tf/4)

ACCEPTING SNOWBLOWING JOBS for 2010-2011 season. Business or residential. Call for free estimates. LBJ Water Works. 989-344-8076. (-9-23/10/tf/4)

3. Employment

Retail Sales Associate

- Basic Communications Inc, a leading telecommunications firm is looking for an enthusiastic & aggressive Retail Sales Associate for its Grayling Retail Store. Hourly + commission position requires sales experience. Accepting full time applicants. Job requires extensive customer service & a desire to succeed based on sales performance. Knowledge of Cellular Phones and Satellite TV will enhance the opportunity for success. Apply in person at 2370 S. 175 Business Loop (Grayling Mini Mall), questions direct to Scott 989-390-2930 or email to Shartman@basiccom.com or go online at basiccommunications.com

Northern Lakes COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH

Is seeking individuals to provide care for adults with developmental disabilities in two group homes in Roscommon County. Applicant must be willing to travel short distance to work between different homes. Rewarding work environment with staffing ratios of 1:3 or less. "Previous experience with behavioral health care services is a plus." Starting wage is \$7.40/hr, increase to \$9.94 /hr after paid training. Applicants must have proof of high school diploma/certificate, reliable transportation, and a working home telephone. Must have acceptable driving and criminal record checks. Serious applicants only need apply. Apply in person at the Houghton Lake Office, 2715 S. Townline Road, Houghton Lake, MI 48629. EOE

POSITION OPENING

Sales Full-Time

We are looking for an individual that possess good customer service skills. Must be reliable and able to work within deadlines. Existing accounts and cold calls. Salary plus commission. Sales experience preferred.

Send Resumes to:

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5. For Sale

1997 SKIDOO FORMULA Z with cover. 583cc, excellent condition with snowmobile dolly. \$1,600. 348-4856 or 989-390-4823. (-27-3/5)

4. Services Offered

Don's Accounting
TAX SEASON'S HERE!
Taxes starting at \$75, e-file included. Always accepting new clients. Call today and schedule your appointment. Evening and weekend appointments are available.
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and more

Contact your local attorneys
989-348-6141

Mention this ad and receive free consultation on hourly matters

FOR SALE FIREWOOD
Maple and Beech \$55 pick up, \$60 delivered. Snowplowing 989-348-2366. (-20-27-3-10/5)

FOR SALE RARE OPPORTUNITY heavy duty custom built 20 foot, V nose utility trailer. Tandem 7,000 pound axles, front ramp, double rear doors, vendor side door, roof rack, front diamond plated, 1 piece aluminum roof and more. Great snowmobile or contractor trailer. \$7,000. Call 745-8469. (-27-3/5)

5. For Sale

8 ft. oak logger cord
1/2 load \$700
Full load \$1,400

Stuckman Tree Service
989-732-5230

8. Announcements

OAK FIREWOOD split & delivered. 16" - 18" season \$75 cord, 14" - 16" green \$65 cord. 989-348-7046. (-27-3/5)

CABIN LOGS rough sawn lumber, kiln dried lumber, tongue & groove, log siding, custom sawing. T. Warren Sawmill. 989-619-0840. (LR3/31/11/5)

SEASONED OAK FIREWOOD \$50 per cord, \$60 delivered. Call Bill 989-348-5124. (-20-27-3/5)

POLE BUILDINGS & GARAGES Winter Special - 24x40x10 before the snow flies. Featuring Ultra 2000 with a 45 year warranty. Call for a free estimate 1-800-541-3974. Tom's Pole Buildings, 4050 Industrial Dr., Harrison. (LR 11/18/10/5)

OAK FIREWOOD \$55 per face cord. Storm damage tree removal and snowplowing available. 989-390-3930. (-13-20-27/5)

8. Announcements

TOP CASH PAID Buying cars and trucks, dead or alive. Cash upon quick pick up. 989-858-6101. (-27/6)

BUYING SCRAP METAL All grades. SMR 989-275-6041. (10/16/08/f/6)

WANTED Junk vehicles, will haul, paying cash. Call Gene at Wakeley's Auto Parts, 989-348-5079. (LR6/30/11/6)

ANTRIM RECYCLING Don will pay a minimum of \$300 for complete 1986 and newer cars. Minimum of \$500 for complete 1986 and newer full size trucks. 888-468-7313. (-1/27/11/f/6)

8. Announcements

FREE 7 YEAR OLD Persian, declawed, neutered. Inside cat only, quiet, unique disposition. Has never been around dogs. 989-350-6408. (-27/7)

LOST - MASONIC RING white gold. Reward 348-6902. (-27/7)

8. Announcements

ATTENTION - THE STATEWIDE AVERAGE price of propane this week for home heat is \$2.33 per gallon. This message was brought to you by Fick & Sons Propane. (-27/8)

8. Announcements

FIRE VICTIMS NEED HELP! Bob & Shawn Gullick and three children at Higgins Lake lost their home and all contents on 1-23-11. They are in need of donations. An account has been set up at Chemical Bank 989-275-8941, in Roscommon in the Family's name. Please help this family if you can. (-27-3/8)

HALL FOR RENT American Legion Post 106, Grayling. Smoke free. Wedding receptions, showers, parties and more. Contact manager 348-7232. (-13-27-10-24-10-24-7-21-5-19-2-16-30/8)

YOGA CLASSES with Kaye Thomas-Hogan. Thursday evenings 5:15 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Brickery Building, Grayling. \$10 drop-in or \$50 for 6 sessions. Call Kaye for info 989-348-1722. (-13-20-27-3-10-17-24/8)

ADVERTISING DEADLINES: Regular Display - 1/2 to full page, 5 p.m. Thursday. All others 5 p.m. Friday. Classified Display - 12 noon Monday. Classified by the word - 12 noon Tuesday. These deadlines may change with notice due to holidays or special publication. (989) 348-6811.

Mich-Can Statewide Classified Adoption

ADOPTION: Loving, young, financially stable married couple years to adopt a baby. Expenses paid. Carly & Trevor 1-800-619-4873.
ADOPTION - THE PROMISE of a secure home for your unborn child, filled with warmth, compassion & endless love! Expenses paid. Legal/Confidential. Kathy & Chris 1-877-274-5156

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Proposals will be received until Thursday, February 10, 2011 at Kirtland Community College's facilities management office at which time they will be opened and publicly read. Detailed specifications and bid instructions are available on Kirtland's website <https://my.kirtland.edu/ics/community/> or by calling 989-275-5000, ext. 263

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Board changes course on Sunday alcohol sales

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Koutnik said the action taken to prohibit Sunday sales would create winners and losers for golf courses in the region. For example, Koutnik said a group of eight golfers may request a tee time and a few of those golfers may want to have a beer while they play their rounds. If those golfers are denied, they will take their business to a golf course in an outlying county.

"I don't expect the Sunday sales from our standpoint to be huge, but I do expect it to have a big impact on our Sunday morning greens fees," Koutnik said. "Once those people start going somewhere else, they don't come back - you've lost them."

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Board requested the board rescind its action to allow the Sunday morning beverage sales.

"If people wishing to purchase these items cannot get them here, they will get these items elsewhere," said Traci Cook, executive director for Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce. "In

these difficult economic times, we need to show as much support to our local businesses as possible by allowing them the opportunities to succeed."

Jacquelyn Ann Smith, the owner of 7-Eleven in Grayling, said she was shocked when Garb-Ko, Inc., the parent company for her business based in Saginaw, was denied a permit to sell alcoholic beverages on Sunday morning. Smith reiterated that business owners and governmental officials need to work hand-in-hand to bring all the business they can to Crawford County during the current tough economic times.

"In recent years, sales have dropped off a bit and anything we can do to help push that back not only helps the business owners but also their employees who in turn contribute and spend money into the local economy," Smith said.

Treece Taylor, the owner of Caid's Grocery and Sport Shop in Lovells, said she was stunned when she contacted the Michigan Liquor Control Commissions and

learned that Crawford County kept the provision in place to prohibit Sunday morning sales by the board's vote in December.

Taylor said she does not immediately anticipate recouping the money businesses have to pay the state to sell alcoholic beverages on Sunday. But in the long run, Taylor said people that stay at Fuller's Branch Outing Club, and live out of state, will want to take beverages on guided trout fishing trips and floats. Those customers would go to Lewiston or Johannesburg if the Sunday sales prohibition was kept in the county.

"I can't afford as a business person in this small resort community to lose that kind of business," Taylor said.

A member of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, Taylor said the state law regarding Sunday sales was poorly crafted by lawmakers and never went to a committee for review so its final intent was not clear.

The final legislation included language on serv-

ing samples of beverages in stores, the establishment of tasting rooms at wine and brandy distillers as well as serving alcoholic beverages at large sporting events held on Sunday.

Stephenson agreed with Taylor's opinion.

"This was an extremely convoluted bill," he said.

Stephenson said that there is some speculation that new state lawmakers may revisit the legislation. He acknowledged, however, that Michigan Beer and Wine Wholesalers employ lobbyists and make contributions to political candidates, exercising its powerful force when legislation is being considered.

Stephenson said he received a 50-50 split of county residents who were for or against the Sunday sales, depending on their business and property interests.

"If you're a store or someone that's in that business, they're supportive of it," Stephenson said. "If you're a landowner or have a home or something that is on the river - it's quite the opposite."

Criteria detailed for IRS tax exempt deductions

The spirit of giving seems to grow during the holiday season, and many donations are made to charitable causes at this special time of year.

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) reminds taxpayers to keep some important points in mind when making donations with the expectation of deducting them on a federal tax return.

Taxpayers can deduct donations only if they make them to a qualified tax-exempt organization.

"Taxpayers can search for many charitable organizations online at IRS.gov with Publication 78," said IRS spokesperson John Crawford. "Qualified organizations include non-profit groups that are religious, charitable, educational, scientific, or literary in purpose, or that work to prevent cruelty to children or animals. Generally, organizations will be able to tell

you whether they are tax exempt under the Internal Revenue Code and eligible to accept tax-deductible donations."

Crawford added that it is necessary to file a Form 1040 and itemize deductions on Schedule-A to receive a charitable contribution deduction. It is also important to keep good records.

To deduct any charitable donation of money, a taxpayer must have a bank record, credit card statement or a written communication from the charity showing the name of the charity and the date and amount of the contribution. A bank record includes canceled checks, bank or credit union statements. Bank or credit union statements should show the name of the charity and the date and amount donated. Credit card statements should show the name of the charity, the transaction posting date and

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Contributions are deductible in the year made. Donations charged to a credit card before the end of 2010 count for 2010. This is true even if the credit card bill is not paid until 2011. Also, checks count for 2010 as long as they are mailed in 2010 and clear shortly thereafter.

For all donations of property, including clothing and household items, obtain from the charity a receipt that includes the name of the charity, date of the contribution and a reasonably-detailed description of the donated property. If a donation is left at a charity's unattended drop site, keep a written record of the donation that includes this information, as well as the fair market value of the property at the time of the donation and the method used to determine that value. To deduct charita-

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To be deductible, clothing and household items donated to charity must be in good used condition or better. A clothing or household item for which a taxpayer claims a deduction of over \$500 does not have to be in good used condition or better if the taxpayer includes a qualified appraisal of the item with the return.

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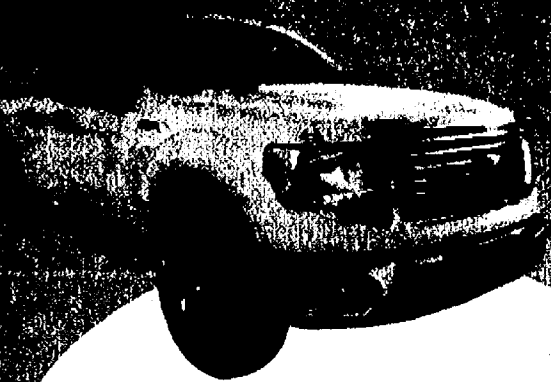


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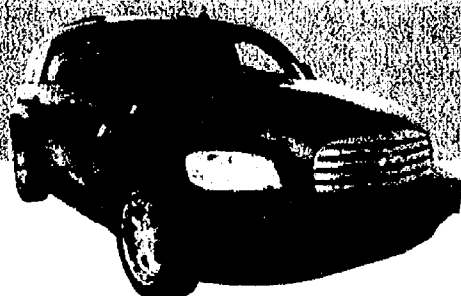
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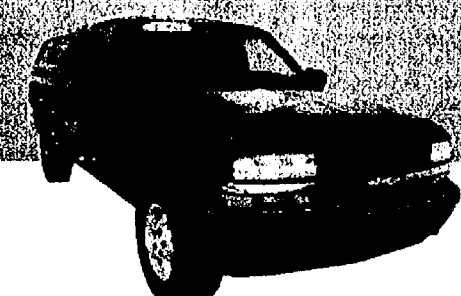
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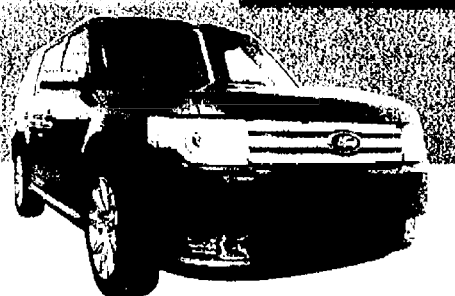
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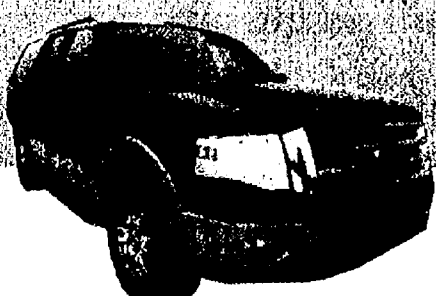
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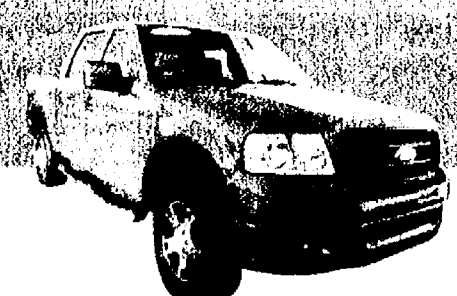
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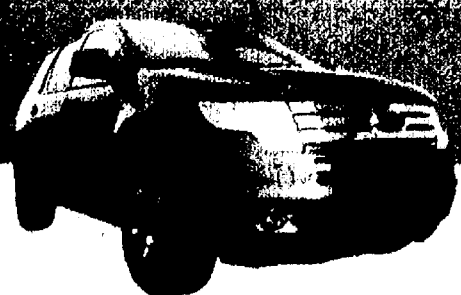
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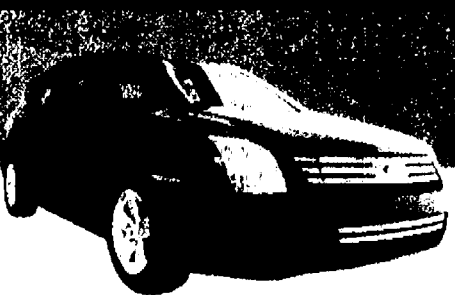
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